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Gary Williamson named to Baseball Hall of Fame

By ALISON ALOISIO

Telstar High School graduate Gary Williamson of Woodstock will be inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame July 17.

Williamson played in two Division III College World Series for the University of Southern Maine, including in 1991 when the team won the championship. He was named the Most Valuable Player that year.

He now coaches youth baseball in the Bethel area.

The Hall of Fame selection committee received a dozen letters recommending Williamson for the hall, including from former coaches, teammates and opponents.

Williamson's USM coach, Ed Flaherty, described him as "one of the all-time greats at Southern Maine." He was an outfielder for the team.

Williamson also played in the Pine Tree Baseball League. Wrote Steve LaPointe of Rumford, "Whenever a discussion comes up on the best hitters in the area, Gary's name is always at the top of that list. He was the consummate hitter. As a pitcher, I could not think of anyone that I feared facing more than Gary Williamson."

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Dave Mallett in Andover Summer Concert plans

By MATT DAIGLE and STAFF

The Andover Summer Concert Series starts its third season this year, and will offer a special performance by nationally-known musician Dave Mallett in August.

The first performance of the season is at 6 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the Town Common.

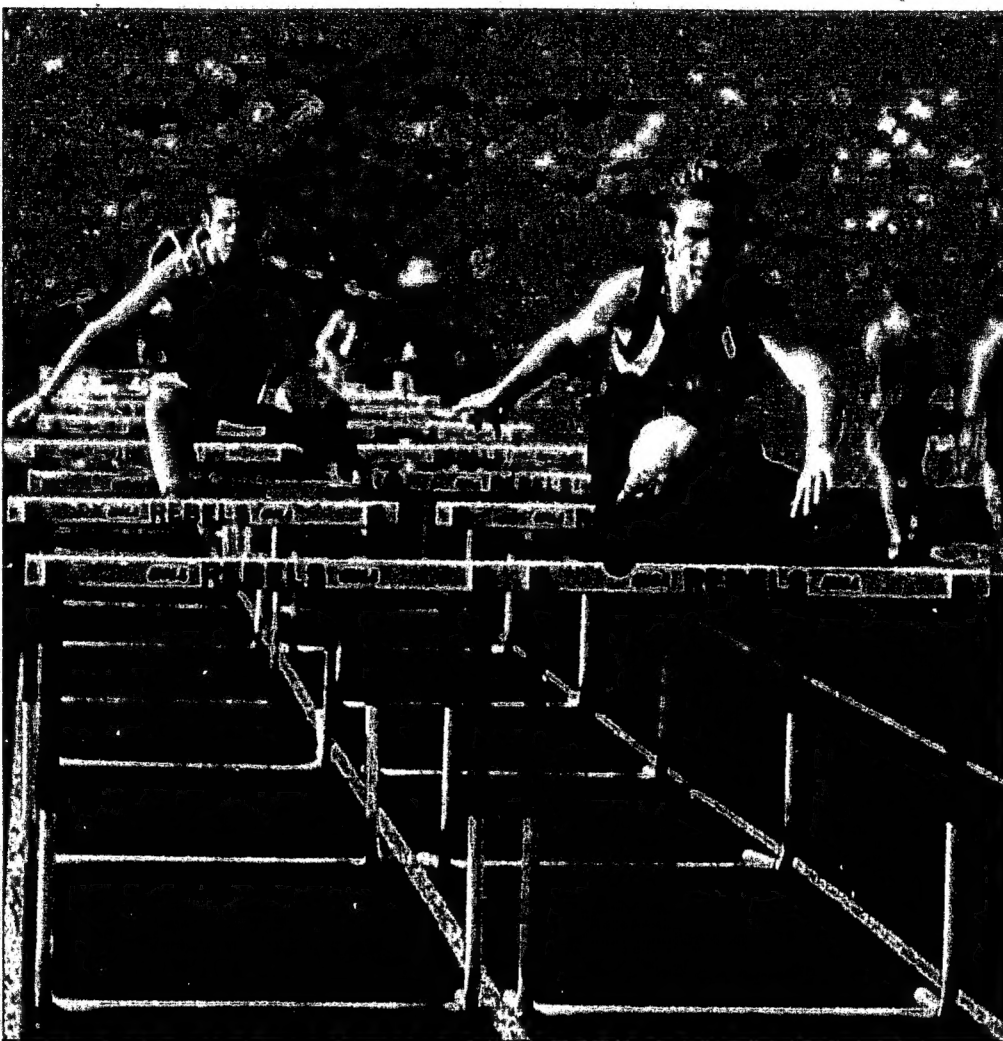
The series is presented every other Friday throughout the summer and early fall for free. People are invited to watch regional musicians perform in a variety of genres.

Pete Coolidge, who owns Pete's Hardware with his wife, Wanda, said the idea for a free concert series stemmed from monthly jam sessions with his friends.

"The idea just kind of evolved over the years," Coolidge said. "I get together with some friends

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Record-breaking form



Avry Griffin, right, broke his own 110-hurdles record for the second time last week.

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By ALISON ALOISIO

Telstar junior Avry Griffin tried a new track event this year, the 110-meter hurdles.

At his first meet, he broke the nearly 30-year-old school record set by David Kersey in 1987, 16.84 seconds (converted to today's automatic timing). Griffin ran it in 16.44. The following week, he broke his own record with a 16.20. Last week he broke it again with a time of 16.04 (shown above) and Tuesday he ran 15.64 in converted time.

Griffin has qualified for the state meet next month in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles, the triple jump and the 400- and 200-meter races.

"What makes Avry successful is Avry," said Coach David LeClerc. "He is blessed with tremendous agility, great endurance, and really good speed. He is smart and approaches his events with deliber-

ate thought and effort. He's coachable in the sense that he tries to implement any suggestions that his coaches offer. Finally, he's self-motivated and puts genuine effort into his training."

Griffin, who has been running the 300-hurdles for several years, said before he tried the 110 he was confident he would be able to make the adjustment.

"I've always been confident with hurdles," he said. "I've been doing them for six years now, and my hard work and dedication really has paid off. I actually hadn't practiced the 110-meter high hurdles more than once before the first meet, but I just relied on my prior experience and knowledge I gained from my hurdles coach last year, Tony Andrews."

"Each meet I've improved my time and I look forward to setting a record that will go untouched for another 30 years, along with maybe a few more."

Newry debates money, education, withdrawal

By ALISON ALOISIO

On Tuesday about 40 Newry residents debated the current school withdrawal process and the cost and quality of education in SAD 44.

They will vote on June 14 on whether to stop the withdrawal process. A simple majority vote will decide the question, according to town officials.

It is not a vote on a written, formal proposal to withdraw, which the Newry Withdrawal Committee has been trying to negotiate, unsuccessfully, with SAD 44.

The June 14 referendum came about after the SAD 44 School Board asked for it as a condition for setting up a new committee, comprised of representatives from all district towns, to try to craft a local school funding formula more financially favorable to Newry by taking into account student population. That panel is scheduled to meet for the first time tonight (Thursday). A district vote would be needed to approve any proposal.

Tuesday's meeting in Newry

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Greenwood to vote on wind ordinance

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their Town Meeting Saturday, Greenwood residents will vote on a proposed ordinance amendment to address potential commercial wind power projects in town.

The 21-page proposal requires applicants who wish to build a project in or visible from a scenic resource to provide a visual impact assessment.

The Planning Board may require an assessment for portions of any project located more than three miles and up to eight miles from a scenic resource, if it finds it is needed to determine if there is potential for significant adverse

effects on the resource. Planners would determine if the project compromises views from a scenic resource such that it has "an unreasonable adverse effect."

The ordinance proposal also addresses "shadow flicker and blade reflection" and requires that there be no more than 30 hours of flicker per year on any non-participating occupied building, or more than 10 hours of flicker per year on any public or private road that interferes with traffic movement safety, or flicker at intersections that interferes with traffic safety.

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Playground design unveiled

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

At the annual SAD 44 budget meeting on May 31, residents will be asked to approve spending \$116,000 from the capital improvement account for new playground equipment at Crescent Park and Woodstock Elementary Schools.

The project has been approved by the School Board, which agreed unanimously at its April 25 meeting to place the expenditure on the warrant for the budget meeting.

Last fall, in response to safety concerns, playground equipment at both elementary schools was inspected and subsequently removed. If the expenditure is approved, it will be replaced with new equipment that complies with current safety standards and is appropriate for all ability levels.

Approximately \$25,000 will go to replace the climbing structure that was removed from the WES playground. The remaining \$91,000 will be used to replace two former playgrounds at CPS with a single playground for all students.

The initial expenditure will fund the first phase of the playground installation, said Mary Scanlon, a CPS parent and member of the PTA's playground committee.

"It will get us a variety of climbing structures, slides, and other fun playground pieces," she said, adding that the PTA will launch a fundraising effort this week to pay for the installation of additional elements, with a goal of raising \$20,000 before work on the playground begins this summer.

It is more economical to do the site prep work and install the equipment for Phases One and Two at the same time, she said.

"Phase Two will include some musical elements" and other features for alternative play, Scanlon said, because "not all kids want to do the same things at recess."

At last Wednesday's PTA meeting, the playground committee shared scale drawings of the proposed playground design and a video presentation of the equipment.

The same day, Scanlon said, the committee received notice of a generous boost to its fundraising efforts in the form of a \$3,000 contribution from the Sunday River Community Fund.

The donation will be used to move an item from Phase Two to Phase One, she said. "We are thrilled with this gift."

Appropriate for all Scanlon said a priority for the playground committee was the inclusion of elements that make the playground appropriate for all students and pro-

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STATE POSTER WINNER-Telstar Middle School eighth grader Alyssa Gagnon won first place in the Maine Water Environment Association poster competition, according to TMS teacher Stephanie Mastroianni. As a member of the school's Peer Ambassador group, Alyssa learned about the contest and worked on her poster for months during the group meeting times and on her own. The theme of the contest was "Why Water is Worth it to ME." More than 800 students statewide entered posters for the competition. As the first place winner, Alyssa will receive \$100, and will be honored at the Maine State House at the Maine Water Environment Association 2016 Fall Convention. She will meet with Gov. Paul LePage and TMS will receive recognition.

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Letters

MAY DAY 5K THANKS

To the Editor:

Great weather and a solid turnout made the first annual May Day 5K walk/run a huge success for the Rotary Club of Bethel! The club wishes to thank all who supported and entered the event, and especially our Presenting sponsor, Bethel Family Health Center.

We also had wonderful supporting sponsorships from many area businesses. They were: NAPA Auto Parts of Bethel, Bethel Bait Tackle & More, The Bethel Inn Resort, Bethel Station Chiropractic, The Blair Group, Bud Kulik, Clearwater Builders, Cho Sun Restaurant, Community Energy, Cross Excavation, Crossroads Diner & Deli, EW Electric, Doug Zinchuk Roofing, Flanders Electric, Good Food Store, Kelly O. Newkirk, CPA; Key Bank, Kowloon's Chinese Restaurant, Maine Street Realty & Rentals, Michael Steven & Associates, Northeast Bank, Norway Savings Bank, Pat's Pizza, Perfect Shades Painters, Riverview Resort, Smokin Good BBQ, Stony Brook Recreation, Sunday River Brewing Co., Swasey Excavation, Vern Davis Painting, Weddings by Ellie, Western Maine Budo Arts, and Wild River Realty. Thanks to prize donors: the Hitching Post, Mallard Mart and Homeslice Pizza.

Additionally, a big shout out of thanks to Julie Hart from Mahoosuc Kid's Association and Crescent Park School for their location support. The following Rotarians and friends made the event go smoothly: Kathy Ruby, Bruce and Shirley Powell, Steve Smith, Dave Berry, Interact Club members Jessica and Austin, Andrew Bear, Steve Wight, Michele Cole, Ellie Andrews, Rene McGrew, Julie Hart, Robin Zinchuk, Mark Beck, Scott Hynek, Ian Blair, Bob and Cynthia Moran-Laux, John and Jeanette Poole and Tim LeConey. A wonderful group effort for sure!

The funds that we raised will be earmarked for scholarships for SAD 44 to assist students in attending after school or summer enrichment activities. The club will be determining the process to apply for these funds in the coming weeks and we will make an announcement in an upcoming edition of The Bethel Citizen.

Congratulations to all who participated in the event! The results will be listed elsewhere in this edition. It is our hope to grow this event—so mark your calendars for a tentative date of Saturday, May 6, 2017!

Kevin Finley, President Rotary Club of Bethel

CLARIFICATION ON TRANSGENDER

To the Editor:

In response to Mr. McGrew's letter to the Bethel Citizen, dated May 12, I would like to clarify that, in fact, I do not have any misconceptions of the transgender issue, as Mr. McGrew stated despite the fact that he seems to know my convictions better than myself. I fully understand the issue and still insist that men and women use their respective bathrooms.

Secondly, I did not classify transgender citizens as perverts as Mr. McGrew claims. I did say that allowing men to use a ladies room opens up the possibility of a potentially perverted action. And I certainly never used the word 'evil' in any of my letters, as Mr. McGrew says.

With that being said, of course when all else fails—especially common sense—let's pull out the discrimination card, right? That always seems to work, doesn't it?

Now to add to the ever increasing problems our schools have to face, Mr. McGrew's president, Barack Hussein Obama, has decided, in his warped wisdom, to push the transgender bathroom issue into our schools. Perhaps Mr. McGrew and his buddy, Mr. Obama, failed to read the report from the American College of Pediatricians (ACP) which states in part:

"Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: 'XY and XX' which are genetic markers of health—not genetic markers of a disorder. This binary, male-female design serves reproduction and survival of the species, and is normal. Testicular feminization, congenital adrenal hyperplasia or other rare dysfunctions are 'disorders of human design' and do not constitute a third sex. Neither do those whose developing self-awareness as male or female is derailed by environmental experience or trauma."

These physicians are being honest when they condemn the use of dangerous drugs pandering to transgender neuroses to prevent normal puberty. The report goes on to state, "What compassionate and reasonable person would condemn young children to this fate knowing that after puberty as many as 98 percent of girls and 98 percent of boys will eventually accept reality and achieve a state of physical and mental health? Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is CHILD ABUSE."

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MISS POPPY AND MEMORIAL DAY

To the Editor:

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion Mundt-Allen Post 81 of Bethel is very proud to have chosen Miss Soleil Lane to be Miss Poppy of 2016. Soleil will be giving out poppies and collecting donations in front of the IGA on Main Street every Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. until Memorial Day. She is very pleased to help collect donations to help our veterans.

Of course, Miss Poppy of 2016 will march in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 30. All girls who have been Miss Poppy in past years are invited to join her in the celebration of our veterans. We invite everyone to come support our veterans and youngsters in this celebration.

Also, the 4th and 5th grade classes of Crescent Park Grammar School have made posters in celebration of Memorial Day. First, second and third prizes will be awarded to those students whose posters were chosen for a prize. These awards will be given at the ceremonies on the Bethel Common following the parade up Main Street. All posters will be displayed in the windows of our Post Office on Main Street. Please take a stroll to admire the art work.

I hope everyone will generously support Miss Poppy and our young student artists on this Memorial Day.

Eliza Barnes

Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Mundt-Allen Post 81

From the Bethel Town Manager

By Christine M. Landes

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

Have you checked out our website lately? Yes it's true, we are about to roll out a new design and format for the Town's website, but in the meantime, I encourage each of you to visit our page! www.bethelmaine.org

On our website, we have multiple quick links that include; the Chamber of Commerce, Bethel Historical Society, the local ski resorts, Registry of Deeds, State of Maine, the Family Health Center, and the availability to re-register your vehicle amongst other things.

Also available on our website is the new GIS (tax maps) system. This is a program that our Assessing Department has been diligently working on. On the GIS link, you may research property owners, map and lot identification, assessments, taxes, wetlands, flood hazard areas, sewer lines, etc. This is a great tool for law firms, and realtors.

As the fiscal year winds down in the town office, departments are finalizing up their previous years expenses and making sure all invoices are submitted by the end of June. It looks as if the FY16 budget is right on track for expenses and revenues. I am also in the process of developing the Airport and Wastewater Treatment Plant tentative budgets for the upcoming year.

Absentee ballots for the June election are now available at the Town Office. Please come in or call for details surrounding the issuance of a ballot and registering for a party if you so choose.

Please remember if there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Wind

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As for noise from the turning turbines, the proposal requires that when a project is to be located in an area where the daytime pre-development "ambient hourly sound level" at a protected location (beyond the property boundary of the applicant) is equal to or less than 45 decibels and/or the nighttime pre-development ambient hourly sound level is equal to or less than 35 decibels, the hourly sound levels resulting from routine operation of the facility... will "not exceed 55 decibels between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 42 decibels between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m."

The proposed ordinance also addresses short, repetitive sound, construction sound and maintenance sound levels.

An applicant would also be required to provide a phone number for the public to contact with complaints, and notify the code enforcement officer when any are received and provide notice of how the

complaint was handled.

Also addressed is the decommissioning procedure, in the event the facility is no longer to be used.

The ordinance proposal was prepared by the Planning Board over three years, according to Chairman Larry Merlino. "We felt the state rules needed more clarification," he said. "We embarked on a fact-finding mission and formed a five-town committee to try to develop a plan for the region. Specifically, we discussed the impact on neighboring towns, should a project become located near a town border."

"We also discussed noise, especially low frequency noise and flicker. Both are thorny issues and are very difficult to write language to properly address them. Visual impact is also a thorny issue."

The Town Meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the Jackson-Silver Legion Post.

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a few times every month to play music, and at some point, we started talking about possibly doing a free concert for people in Andover.

"I've done a couple of benefits for people over the years, so I thought it would be neat to do something like this for the town," he said. "We've never really had anything like (this) in Andover."

Resident Ross Swain said the first performance of the season will be "Pete Coolidge and the Acousticians," formerly known as "Pete Coolidge and Friends."

"They've been the key-stone of this series since its debut," Swain said. "Their show will be a mix of original ballads, bluegrass standards, and some '70s classics. Instrumentation may include six- and 12-string guitars, dobro, bass guitar, fiddle, mandolin, electric lead guitar, cajon and harmonica."

Other dates that have been scheduled throughout the summer include:

- Swain and Coolidge, July 15;
- The Robinsons, July 29;
- Jim Gallant, Aug. 12;
- David Mallett, Aug. 26;

and

• Brad Hooper, Sept. 23. Swain said several other dates have yet to be scheduled.

David Mallett

As for getting Mallett, Coolidge said, "I've been following David Mallett music since the release of his 'Pennsylvania Sunrise' album in 1978. Through the years I've been fortunate to attend a few of his concerts and have enjoyed tagging along on his musical journey throughout his life."

"He is, in my opinion, a true Maine treasure, deeply rooted in his beliefs and his songs. When I started thinking about the third year of the Andover Summer Concert Series back in February, one of my goals was to see if I could take the series to the next level in the realm of performances while keeping the tradition of home grown music the in the forefront of what we were offering."

"I started seeking out performers early in February and on a whim I decided to e-mail Dave Mallett just to see if he would consider coming to Andover. "I was very surprised to

get a response back within a day from David himself. He indicated that he 'loves these kinds of shows' and included his needs and requirements to do a show for us and the dates that would work for him. I mulled it over a few days and decided to go ahead and book him."

For all the concerts, residents are invited to bring chairs and blankets, and to leave their dogs at home, unless they are service dogs.

"There are no food concessions on site, but there are two convenience stores, one restaurant and an ice cream shop within easy walking distance," Swain said.

Promotional T-shirts and hats are expected to be available at the first concert.

Swain also said they hope to sell sweatshirts with the 2016 season logo in order to help fund a porta-potty to be available for the concerts.

For more information, visit the Andover Summer Concert Series on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/218332791870784.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Second-graders from Crescent Park School braved rainy weather for the annual environmental field day at Ernest and Alberta Angevine's North Road property.

Western Mountain Senior Players presented their first spring performance at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Science Center Auditorium.

Deaths: Lempi H. Broomhall, Gordon Eastman, Elizabeth H. Bennett.

20 years ago: The Bethel Bicentennial Committee was organizing a clean-up project for Woodland Cemetery.

A flock of nearly a dozen loons was seen on the shores of Songo Pond.

Births: Cody Nathaniel Brann, McKayla Sara-Elizabeth Stahl.

Deaths: Elizabeth McCready, David A. Jordan, Donald R. Reed, Madelyn E. Waterman.

30 years ago: An open house reception marked the formal opening of the Bethel Inn's new Conference Center.

Town Manager Rodney Lynch announced that the new ambulance garage had been completed for \$69,525 – \$4,470 less than the amount appropriated at Town Meeting.

Births: Casey Alan Fleet, Nigel Victor Kreiton, Ronald David Tyler, Douglas Jeffrey Swan, Joshua Ryan Wilson.

Death: Earlyn Wheeler.

40 years ago: Mrs. Doris Brown was honored by trustees and staff of the Bethel Savings Bank on her retirement.

Birth: Brandy Lee Cordwell.

Deaths: Mrs. Lillian G. Meisner, Mrs. Eva L. Parsons, Mrs. Mildred I. Melville.

50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warrington of Lincoln, Del., purchased the former Chesley Saunders house on Vernon Street from Harold Clukey.

The Locke's Mills Town Hall was the scene of a May Basket party for three area 4-H Clubs, Jolly Workers of Bryant Pond, Spoon and Hoe of Bethel, and Mt. Abram of Locke's Mills.

Death: Edward Bartlett.

60 years ago: Clarence E. Mulford, creator of "Hopalong Cassidy," died in a Portland hospital at the age of 73.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tenney bought the Wood house in Kimball Park.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. "Joe" Roderick were given a housewarming at their farm home on Sunday River.

The Mason church building and contents was offered for sale by bids.

Death: Harlan I. Bartlett.

80 years ago: A special meeting of the Bethel Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. W.R. Chapman. Plans for the exchange of plants and the planting of some to beautify the village were discussed.

Edward Bennett's buildings in Mayville were burned. Loss was estimated at \$10,000.

Birth: Howard Everett Rolfe

Death: Mrs. Nancy Osgood.

90 years ago: Houses in West Bethel were being wired for electricity.

Death: Mrs. Mary Hanah Chase.

110 years ago: A new sidewalk was being put down on Broad Street by George H. Smardon & Co. of Portland.

The automobilists in Bethel were interested in forming an automobile club, and invited all who were interested to a meeting at the News office.

120 years ago: Dr. J.G. Gehring was having the ruins cleared away on the lot at the head of Broad Street preparatory to building his new residence.

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THS grad teaching in Ecuador asks hometown to help after quake

Telstar graduate Brianna Douglass has been teaching and living in Quito, Ecuador, for the past two years. She lived through last month's devastating earthquake in that country, and now she is organizing a Bethel-based relief effort to, as she says, "help the beautiful, caring, loving people of Ecuador."

Brianna describes in her own words what happened during the earthquake, what she is doing to try to help, and how people in her hometown can assist:

On Saturday, April 16, at approximately 6:58 a 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the northern coast. I was actually not in the city, my friends and I had decided to take a road trip that weekend and so we hit the road Friday after school and headed south to a small town called Alausi.

We were staying at a hostel, located high in the Andes Mountains, owned by a sweet Ecuadorian woman. Saturday night we sat down at the dinner table at the hostel and after Carolina (the owner) served us we started to feel the earth shaking. We sat patiently waiting for it to stop.

Eventually we got under the table, since it wasn't stopping. It felt like the whole mountain was swaying back and forth and even worse was that it felt like we were under the table for 5 minutes. The length of the quake was what was particularly scary, even though it was only 40 seconds, 40 seconds is a long time for the earth to be shaking under your feet. Afterwards there was a shock period where we all tried to connect to weak internet and cell phone service in order to find out the extent of what had happened.

In the hours afterwards we received messages from friends saying that they were all safe, pictures of some of the immediately known destruction and found out that almost the whole country felt it. We all checked "safe" in the Facebook safety check (something I never thought I would have to do) and tried to get some sleep.

The first reports the next day said that a dozen had died and hundreds injured. Now that number has jumped to hundreds dead and thousands injured. The whole country went into emergency mode. People flocked to the coast to volunteer (unprepared for what they were to find), donation centers sprang up and groups organized.

My school, along with many others, asked the kids and staff to bring in items such as food, household goods, toilet paper, bottled water, clothes, candles and medical supplies to send to the coast that Wednesday.

The outpouring of support from the Ecuadorian people was amazing, no matter how little you had, you donated to help those in need. I went to volunteer at a donation center Tuesday after school, only days after the country was shaken up and the amount of donations was heartwarming.

Buses and trucks were loaded up and sent off to make the long, long journey to the coast. Even though the country of Ecuador is only the relative size of Colorado, travel is made incredibly difficult because of the Andes Mountains. So travel from Quito to the coast takes many, many hours.

Other unfortunate things that have occurred in the shadow of such tragedy is theft and robbery in the coastal towns, as well as donation caravans being hijacked.

In the weeks since there are still donations being collected and organizations being set up. The country is now in the process of cleaning up, evaluating and eventually reconstructing a good portion of the country.

Luckily Quito and the surrounding areas were not affected. And so my life, for the most part, has returned to pre-earthquake normal.

This though, is the difficult part - people forget about what is needed. The stories of destruction and heartbreak stop showing up all over the news and Facebook. So people go back to their routine. But for the thousands of people who lost everything, a normal routine is a farfetched idea. This is why I have decided to try and raise funds, even months after, since these people are going to need support for a long time to come.

I decided why not bring a little part of Ecuador home with me? So I have created a calendar raffle with prizes such as alpaca blankets, Ecuadorian tapestries, coffee, chocolate as well as cold hard cash. Each ticket costs \$10 and there are 31 chances to win.

Each day in July a ticket will be drawn and that person will win that day's prize. Since I am still living and working in Ecuador my mother, Shelley Douglass, will be helping out as well.

She can be contacted directly (207-357-4355) for ticket purchasing, as can I (douglassbe55@gmail.com). Or they may be purchased at The Funky Red Barn, We've Got the Look and the Bethel Library. More information about the fundraiser, ticket purchasing and prizes is also available on the Facebook group, Maine - Ecuador United Fundraiser.



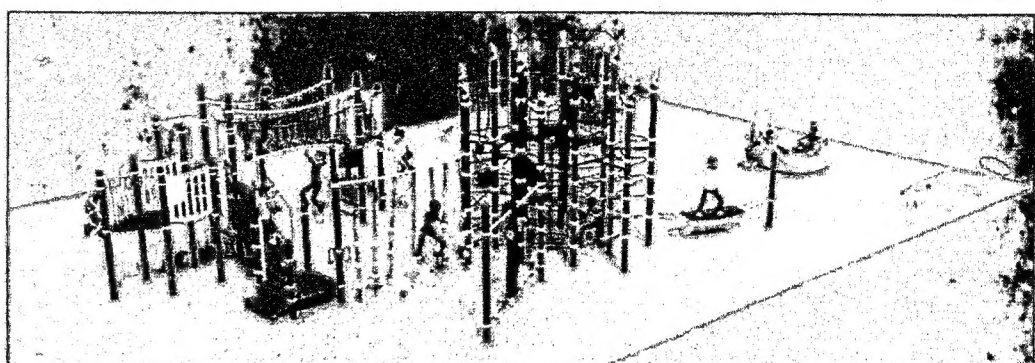
Brianna Douglass in Ecuador. Submitted photo

Design

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Above, PTA members Janet Stephenson, Bruce Pierce, and Sarah DeCato study plans for the proposed new playground at Crescent Park School at last week's PTA meeting. Submitted photos



mote both social and physical development.

"The committee spent an enormous amount of time looking at every aspect of these structures to make sure they were fun, challenging, and encouraged cooperative play between children of all abilities," she said.

"A parent on the committee has a child with gross motor delays, and it was good to have her perspective," Scanlon said, adding that they had also received design input from CPS Ed Tech Janet Stephenson, a committee member who teaches special education.

"The colors are loosely based on the school colors," Scanlon said, "but the primary reason why the committee selected these brightly contrasting colors was to accommodate visually impaired students."

"Currently there is a visually impaired student at CPS, so we shared the color selection with that student's mother to make sure it would help her daughter and future visually impaired students."

The committee is also soliciting design input from the students themselves. Scanlon said the CPS Student Council would be conducting a vote to let students decide which of two possible elements, a boogie board or a tight-rope bridge, should be included.

"We'll show them a video of both at an assembly, then let them vote on which one they want," she said, adding that it was important that the students who will be using the playground have a chance to be part of the design process.

CPS Principal Levi Brown's background in physical education was also helpful to the committee.

"Levi knows what kids need to develop physically while out at recess," Scanlon said.

A team effort She said that when it was decided after the inspection last fall that the aging play structures at CPS would have to be removed during the Christmas vacation, the committee "was pretty determined that something would go in this summer."

"We all worked as a team to get it done for the kids," she said, citing "great support" from the district administration and staff, including Brown and Superintendent David Murphy.

"[Facilities Director] Ron Deegan was a great help, allowing parent volunteers to meet with repre-

sentatives of companies who submitted proposals," Scanlon said.

CPS Playground Committee member Bruce Pierce said the group worked hard over the past few months to find the best company to replace the unsafe and outdated structures.

"We selected Landscape Structures as the company most able to create a playground that meets our criteria of safety and appropriateness for all abilities," he said.

"We need everyone's support to pass this funding request so our children will have safe and educational structures to play on to have fun and support their education for a long time to come," Pierce added.

Donations for Phase Two of the project can be sent to: Crescent Park Elementary PTA, 19 Crescent Park St., Bethel, ME 04217, Attn: Playground Committee. For more information, call the school at 824-2839. The CPS PTA is a 501c3 organization.

The annual district budget meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31 in the Telstar auditorium.

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Ted "Bitsy" Ionta and Bob McPhee of Dixfield wrote of Williamson home runs that traveled 450 to 475 feet.

Rick Whitney of Bethel, who also played in the Pine Tree League, wrote that Williamson was "one of the most prolific pure power hitters I have played with," noting his "incredible bat speed."

But Williamson was not only lauded for his playing abilities.

Wrote Whitney, "Gary continues his love of baseball by coaching. His travel teams and Babe Ruth teams allow him to share his love of the game with his sons. The success his teams have had is a reflection of the positive influence he has had on other boys as well."

Williamson himself was asked his reaction on being named to the Hall of Fame.

"I've been involved in baseball for 40 years either as a player or a coach," he said. "It's a great honor to be named into Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. After being notified of my

induction, my mind immediately went to how many deserving players there are in this area that either played with me as a teammate or as an opposing player. I'm in hopes to see them recognized as well."

As a player, said Williamson, "Baseball was my life on the field and off the field. I was very fortunate to have played with such competitive team mates, on several different teams - Little League, middle school, high school, Legion, college and the Pine Tree League. There was no better feeling in the world than waking up knowing I was going to pitch against Livermore Falls, play for a state championship, or win a national title in college. There were a lot of big games that were so much fun to compete in."

At 30, said Williamson, he switched to coaching as he raised four boys.

"Coaching is just as fun as playing," he said. "My best friends in life were met on the baseball field."

One of his players is Rodney Bean, who plays on the Mountaineers

AAU team, as well as on the all-star team that Williamson has coached for the past six years. The team represented Maine and New England in the Babe Ruth World Series last season and finished second in the nation. Bean wrote about his experience under Williamson:

"For the past six years Gary Williamson has been my coach. Gary's love and knowledge of baseball has been infectious throughout our teams. Together we have won the big games and yes, we have lost a big game or two.

"He has taught me many lessons along the way. He has made me laugh, he has made me angry, he has made me tough, but most important he has made me a ball player. His never-say-quit or never-say-I'm-not-good-enough style has helped me on and off the field.

"I look forward to many more years of his coaching. Gary may not be my coach forever, but he will be my friend for life."

Miss Poppy 2016



Solei Lane, a first-grader at CPS, is this year's Miss Poppy, representing Bethel American Legion Post 81. She will be selling popples at the Bethel Foodliner the next two Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to noon. The proceeds benefit disabled veterans. Here, she presents a poppy to Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes as her grandfathers, David Lane (left) and Joseph Hebert Jr. look on. For more, see letter, Page 2. A. Aloisio

The family of Solei Lane, this year's Miss Poppy for Bethel, has a long history of military service.

Paternal side: Grandfather: David L. Lane - Captain in the Air Force Feb. 1975 - March 1996; Uncle: Bruce B. Lane - E5 Navy 1965-1969; Uncle: Boyd Lane - Master SGT. Air Force; Aunt: Holly Webber - United States Navy 1973-1974; Great Grandfather - Earl Lane, Tank Driver United States Army; Great-great Grandfather - Lester Lane - Private 1st class United States Army. Maternal Side: Grandfather: Joseph E. Hebert Jr. - United States Navy 1967-1973; Joseph Hebert Jr. also served in the Vietnam War on the USS New Jersey; Great Grandfather: Joseph E. Hebert Sr. - Private 1st class United States Army May 7, 1942-Oct. 20, 1945, and also served in World War II and was in Normandy, France; Cousin: Troy E. Wing- Pilot

United States Air Force May 13, 1996-2011, National Guard Jan. 2012-Present; Cousin: Scott Howe - Gunnery SGT. E7 United States Marine Corps September 1995 - September 2015, two tours in Iraq; Cousin: Matthew Koskela - Submarine Officer in the United States Navy May 2002 - Nov. 2007; Cousin: Brent A. Lake - Tech SGT. Vehicle Fleet Manager United States Air Force September 9, 1998 - Jan. 1, 2015; Cousin: Charles A. Haines - Corporal, United States Marine Corps - Ordnance Maintenance Company 3d Maintenance Battalion Combat Logistics Group Okinawa, Japan. February 23, 2009 - Dec. 30, 2013; also served in Afghanistan; Cousin: Alex J. Hebert - SGT. Small Arms Repair Technician United States Marine Corps. June 8, 2009 -Oct. 2014, also served in Afghanistan.



COACH WILLIAMSON-Gary Williamson (right, above left) coaches his youngest son, Wylie, and (right) coaches player Rodney Bean. Submitted photos



Briefly

Signs topic of public hearing

BETHEL-Bethel selectmen last week held a public hearing on proposed changes to the sign ordinance, to be voted upon at next month's Town Meeting. The changes include allowing banners to be used as temporary promotional signs, and also allowing promotional signs to be displayed for seven days in a 30-day period, rather than the current 90 days. Permanent business sign sizes would also increase, if approved, primarily to allow business owners to add slats to existing signs to display specials. Al Cressy, former chairman of the Bethel Planning Board and a former bed and breakfast owner, said at the hearing that while he favored im-

proving commerce in Bethel, "I am concerned about the increase in the size of signs." He said that over the years as he operated his B&B, many guests said the town was beautiful, due in part to the fact that signs were not as prominent as they were in other communities they visited. On the topic of other types of signs, Ross Swan wondered if the town's business directional signs and the Chamber of Commerce signs welcoming people to Bethel could be made more consistent with each other. Robin Zinchuk, BACC executive director, said the Chamber is currently in the process of updating the welcome signs and that question could be considered.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

From the TWISI archives: An elderly relative who recently moved from California to Maine is faced with having to take a driving test to get her Maine license. She has been driving for over 60 years and feels quite confident in her ability to drive. However, the Maine requirement of being able to parallel park to pass the test has made her a nervous wreck.

I can certainly understand that. My street is part of the route for the Driver's License Exam for this area so I see a lot of nervous looking people, mostly teens driving down my street. The examiners don't have them parallel park on my street because it is one-way, but I often see them attempting to do it right around the corner. I have come to the conclusion that parallel parking as a requirement to obtaining a driver's license is nothing more than a form of driving test torture perpetrated by the State of Maine and sadistic license examiners.

Now, be honest, after you got your driver's license, how many times have you attempted to parallel park? I'm sure the answer from most people would be very few. In my case it is none and I have had my license for a good many years. In my elderly relative's case, she can't even remember because it's been so long.

It's pretty rare when you do see someone attempting to parallel park. In fact, now that I think about it, the only people I have seen actually parallel parking are in cars with "Student Driver" on the roof or with a Driving Examiner sitting in the passenger seat.

There was a time, before shopping centers when

parking spaces were in scarce supply and parallel parking was necessary. But that was a long time ago. Shopping centers are surrounded by many acres of parking and there are parking lots and multi-level parking garages all over the place. There is probably more square footage devoted to parking cars than there is to housing people. Parallel parking is definitely passé.

So why is a driver's license contingent on one's ability to do something they will probably never do again? A far better test of a person's driving skills would be to have them drive through any city at 5:10 p.m., the peak of rush hour. If they make it through without an ac-

cident or resorting to profanity, they pass the test. I think being able to park your car in a tight spot is a good skill to have, but I really don't think it should be a license requirement. More time could be spent, however, emphasizing the use of one's directional signals. This seems to me to be the easiest aspect of operating a vehicle. A simple touch of a lever and you let other drivers know your turning intentions. Yet, it absolutely amazes me how many people fail to perform this little act of courtesy.

It's not like it was in the era before automatic directionals when a driver had to roll down the window, stick their arm out,

no matter what the weather and frantically wave their intentions to turn. Now all one has to do is flick a switch and they will spare themselves a lot of one-finger salutes from their fellow motorists. It's no big deal, I just don't understand why every driver doesn't signal.

I also don't understand why every driver doesn't stop for pedestrians. Have they never been pedestrians trying to cross a street themselves? Question: Why did the pedestrian not cross the road? Answer: Because no cars would stop and let them get to the other side.

When people do stop to let someone cross a street it seems to happen most often on beautiful summer days when the pedestrian probably doesn't mind taking more time. On rainy or stormy days, it seems that the people in nice, dry and warm cars just keep right on going. What ails people?

Don't get me wrong. There are people who do stop and even smile as they wave pedestrians across. They do this with such ease that you just know they do it all the time and you can be pretty sure they also signal when they are going to make a turn. I'd like to send these folks a thank-you card.

I may not be a driving force in motor vehicle courtesy reform, but I do use my directional signals and I do stop for pedestrians. The way I see it if I don't get hit by a car as I cross the street and live long enough that I may have to take another driving test, just maybe by then the examiners will focus on courtesy and forget about parallel parking.

Parallel parking is definitely passé.

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MM&GM offers \$20,000 reward for meteorites

The Maine Mineral & Gem Museum is offering a \$20,000 for a meteorite seen across Maine on Tuesday, according to a press release.

"Early Tuesday morning a fireball was seen throughout Maine—as well as Vermont, New Hampshire, New York and Canada. Based on hundreds of eyewitness accounts collated and analyzed by the American Meteor Society, it's clear that the meteoroid entered Earth's atmosphere over Maine and its terminal explosion occurred about 30 km west of Rangeley in Franklin County," the release said.

The MM&GM is offering the reward for "the first one-kilogram meteorite recovered which will receive a place of honor in the museum's Meteorite Hall," according to the release.

Said Museum Director Barbra Barrett, "This is an exciting opportunity and we need the public's help." She noted people should not go on property they do not own without permission.

With exhibits set to open spring of 2017, MMGM will be celebrating Maine's rich mining history and, in the course of doing so, will exhibit the most spectacular minerals and gems ever mined in Maine, the release said.

"In addition, there will be an extremely comprehensive meteorite collection featuring large specimens of the Moon, Mars and more.

"As fireball observations go, this one was huge—and a similarly huge reward awaits a lucky resident.

"Extraterrestrial treasure hunters are encouraged to first go to meteorite identification sites on the internet so they know what they're looking for. Based on the number of bursts in the sky, a number of meteorites may have made it to Earth."

"In what is quite coincidental, just last week MMGM conducted meetings on the Maine Fireball Network that it is in the process of establishing. MMGM will be setting up special cameras throughout the state which—when used together—can determine the speed and orbit of the fireball as well as assist in the recovery of possible meteorite fragments. Camera locations throughout the state are now being finalized and the network will be fully operational in 2017 coinciding with the Museum's announced opening."

Special Newry meeting May 25

Newry selectmen will meet May 25 at 5 p.m. to hear a presentation from engineer Joe Aloisio of JAGJA Inc. on a plan to rebuild a stretch of the Sunday River Road.

Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

May 11, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office on May 11. Officers present were: Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Linsley Chapman Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille. Members of the Public present: Lise McLain, David Luxton.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. April Wrap-Up Warrant 4A: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept.

All three selectmen voted in favor. May Warrant 5: Vote: Two items removed. Moved and seconded to accept after removal. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Bills on warrant and the removal of items on Warrant 5. Result: One item removed was because it was listed twice and the other two items needed further documentation and approval. Vote: Moved and seconded to remove three items. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Old road near Bethel/Gilead town line. Result: Lise McLain and David Luxton attended the meeting to discuss what was to happen to the land left in front of their residences when Route 2 was moved a few years ago. The issue of land ownership was never completely resolved for them. After much discussion, Selectman Leighton volunteered to call and get more information.

Discussion Regarding: Repair of windows in Town Hall. Result: The Administrative Assistant reported that she had contacted a contractor and received an estimate. After much discussion, it was decided that Selectmen Morin would look at the window and see if it could be fixed instead of replaced at this time. This would keep the rain out of the building and make it look better. The Town Hall needs major repair and fixing the sills needs to be the first work to be done before windows can be installed. Thanks to the contractor, for his estimate and interest in doing the work, was to be extended.

Discussion Regarding: Hiring of a Cemetery/Buildings and Grounds employee. Result: The Selectmen reviewed three qualified applicants and decided to go with Joseph Morin. Selectman Leighton would contact him and explain the job further. Vote: Moved and seconded to hire Joseph Morin. All three selectmen voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Vote: All three selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk/Treasurer, is writer of these notes.)



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David Berry (left) speaks at Tuesday's hearing. A. Aloisio

wry was a public hearing on the June 14 question. In a written statement provided at the hearing, the Newry Withdrawal Committee said it is "only the pressure of possible withdrawal that persuaded the district to review the formula. Without that pressure, there is no likelihood of a fair outcome. If the withdrawal process is stopped now, before the formula revision is completed, the current situation of extreme unfairness will continue without any reasonable possibility of change."

NWC member William Andrews said if Newry voters decide to keep the withdrawal process alive, his panel would "go to sleep" for a time while the formula committee works. He also said he does not know if he would vote for actual withdrawal, because "there's nothing in front of me to vote on. We don't have the [withdrawal agreement] document."

Andrews said continuing the withdrawal process would keep the town's options open.

Replied Steve Wight, "I think we have enough options now."

The NWC's educational consultant, Dr. Mark Eastman, said he has advised many towns in the state on the withdrawal process. He said that with SAD 44 refusing to negotiate further with Newry, "I have never seen a [withdrawal] committee treated with such disrespect."

Regarding the current formula, Newry Town Administrator Amy Bernard said Newry residents currently pay about 10 percent of the town's annual contribution of about \$3 million to SAD 44. The rest is paid by nonresidents (84 percent) and Sunday River Resort (6 percent).

But Tama Drown said, "that doesn't mean [the money] belongs to all the other towns. It's Newry's tax money."

Others said it should be shared with the towns.

Jim Sysko, chairman of the NWC, said the other towns, especially Woodstock, do not even pay the equivalent of the state's per pupil tuition average.

"One of our proposals is to even it up, to pay up to the state tuition rate," he said.

Also discussed was the

quality of SAD 44 education.

David Berry was critical. He said he has been coaching sports in the district for 14 years, and "the good kids with good parents cannot get their kids out of that school district fast enough," moving them to Oxford Hills or Mountain Valley high schools, or Gould Academy. "They don't like the education they're getting at Telstar," he said. Berry said THS has poor dropout numbers, because "what we're left with are the kids who aren't going to make it through high school."

Selectman Jim Largess said he believed "for the kids who have had challenges at Telstar, there is a long list of kids who have succeeded, who have done very well at Telstar," Berry said he agreed.

Berry also said he would like to see the other district towns "at least come up to the state average" in the breakdown of what they pay SAD 44, as a place to negotiate from.

Ken Hotopp was skeptical of how Newry withdrawing, and gradually reducing the amount it pays to SAD 44, would fix problems with the district. He said he, too, is frustrated with education in some specific areas. But, he said, "I'm not going to be voting to continue the process."

Patricia Boyle-Wight drew applause with a suggestion that all the energy that has gone into the withdrawal process and discussion around it be directed instead into improving SAD 44. "Do we really only care about the Newry kids?" she asked.

Hotopp agreed, saying "We've got to stick together."

But Brooks Morton said the values the community wants its children taught are not being taught through the school, "with the way the administration is treating everybody." His comments drew applause.

The hearing lasted about an hour. Also discussed were two other articles on the June 14 warrant - one to swap land at the Head of Tide Cemetery in North Newry, and one to bring the Fire Department's leadership structure up to date with current practice.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Bethel Riverside Cemetery Assoc. annual meeting

Officers and directors of the Bethel Riverside Cemetery Association met at the airport conference room on Wednesday evening May 11 for the association's annual meeting. In 1890 the Second Congregational Church society, previous caretakers of the "Mayville Cemetery" dissolved. No party or organization had stepped up to replace the church to perform cemetery maintenance. In 1905, an association was formed to take over cemetery care and make it a credit to the town.

In 2016 this association is urging any association member, all lot owners are automatically members, to consider joining the association's board of directors. In this way the cemetery's high level of maintenance can be continued.

Roger Conant, the current Secretary/Treasurer is retiring from his position this year and a search for his replacement has begun. For those who may be interested, contact Arlan Jodrey for more information. May 28, the association will be planting flowers at a large number of graves starting at about 9 a.m. and anyone wishing to help is invited to join the other volunteers. Fall

cleanup day will be Oct. 22 starting at 9 a.m.

The association is considering removal of the large very old pine trees in the oldest section of the cemetery. Damage to graves from root expansion and limbs breaking is considerable. During the past year over \$1,900 was spent on repairing graves. Another maintenance situation that must be dealt with this year is winter preparation - water line drain back must be modified to meet current state standards. Overall grounds care has been carried out for many years by Doug Grover. The association is grateful for his excellent service and initiatives in this regard.

Remembering

Beth Bean

Our sympathies to the family of Beth and Charlie Bean for their loss last week - Beth's quiet, professionalism and diligence was so evident in everything she did with her Sunday River Gems gallery and exhibits. She was a great credit to the community; she epitomized the essence of rural Sunday River's way of life which existed in the pre-ski era of Sunday River valley.

The Faye Taylor Art Shows 1980-2013

The 34 Memorial Day weekend Faye Taylor Art Shows sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society helped open avenues of artistic development and recognition for the areas students and adults. The

From the OCS D Patrol Log

Tuesday, May 10

At 10:30 a.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel for reports of a traffic accident with injuries. On arrival it was found there was no damage to either vehicle and that one driver was having a medical emergency.

Thursday, May 12

At 12:29 a.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco handled a complaint of telephone harassment in Bethel. The case remained under investigation.

Friday, May 13

At 2:23 a.m. Deputy Josh Aylward responded to a report of a vehicle off Railroad Street in Bethel. It was found the driver was intoxicated. Harold Burden, 53, of Greenfield, Mass. was charged with OUI.

At 5:09 p.m. the Bethel Town Office received a lap top located in Bethel. It belonged to a student from out of town.

Sunday, May 15

At 6:39 p.m. deputies and Bethel Rescue responded to a business in Mayville in Bethel for a report of a medical emergency. The subject refused transport.



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Bethel Citizen for May 29, 1980 reported on the first of the annual art shows held at the Bethel Historical Society with this headline: Faye Taylor Art Show Draws Favorable Response.

The weekend art show at the Moses Mason Museum which was named in memory of Faye Taylor drew an impressive turnout to view paintings, prints and student art work from SAD 44 schools and Gould Academy. The total attendance at the event was estimated at 350 or more. Over 130 exhibition pieces were on hand for the first Memorial Day weekend exhibit by the Bethel Historical Society.

Kent Taylor, Director of Development for Westbrook College in Portland opened the exhibition on Sunday. Mr. Taylor was accompanied by his wife Ruth and son Joshua. Taylor noted that his mother "would be particularly pleased with the recognition given to her through the creation of an exhibition of this nature and would be especially pleased that the exhibition has served as a vehicle for the talent of so many of the regions younger students of art."

When my mother returned to Bethel in the early 1950s she was struck by the need in a predominantly rural state for greater opportunities for the young people in the region to gain awareness and appreciation for natural beauty which is so much a part of the landscape of Maine. It would have given her a great deal of satisfaction to see so many of the landscape works that are present in today's (1980) exhibition.

At this first show Judith McLaughlin of West Paris won the Faye Taylor Landscape Award presented by the Bethel Savings Bank. Paul Cook from Gould Academy won first place in the senior division and Karen Vitale of Bethel was the first place winner in the elementary division of student artists.

Other student artists who received awards were: Alain Crepin, second place in the senior division. Alain Crepin was an exchange student from France studying at Gould Academy. Brent Bachelder, a Telstar Middle School student was third. In the earlier years of the show a number of adults participated. This produced more variety and drew more visitors. Overall the sponsors felt that the show was a very positive experience for all those who participated.

Faye Sanborn Taylor was born in Bethel in 1908 and passed away in Bethel in 1972. Her parents were G. Norman and Hes-



The Faye Taylor Art Show at the Bethel Historical Society was named after Faye Sanborn Taylor, pictured above painting and (inset) at her home. See Bethel Bennett column for more.

ter Sanborn of East Bethel. She graduated from Gould Academy in 1926 then attended the Designers Art School in Boston. Faye and my father's sister, Thelma, roomed at the same boarding house on Newbury Street in Boston while attending courses there. She married George Taylor a Coast Guard officer who also trained FBI agents in marksmanship.

After the war, they returned to Bethel living first in West Bethel on the Flat Road then moving in 1950 to the Isaac Dyer house in The Park. The Taylors had two sons - Kent and Bruce.

For many years Faye Taylor was one of the most familiar faces at the Bethel Savings Bank where she was employed.

Sketching and painting was Faye Taylor's first love. After moving to the village Faye was very active in community affairs. She was treasurer of the Bethel Library Association, Riverside Cemetery Association and the East Bethel Cemetery Association. She was a founding member of the Bethel Historical Society and the Kimball Family Association. She used to joke to my mother about the "yards of pennies" fund raising activity of the historical society. Faye and her painting were strong elements in the Western Maine Art Association and she was an enthusiastic member of the Matolcsy art group.

*Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn were living in the house now owned by Don and Eleanor Brooks during the year that the Bethel Theater was under construction - welcome to Main Street's big event.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



This is National Bike Month and tomorrow (Friday, May 20) is National Bike to Work Day. It's a great chance to get some exercise, promote a healthy life style, and to save gas. National Bike Month was started by the League of American Bicyclists in 1956. The League promotes bicycle safety and sponsors thousands of events each year to celebrate bicycling. According to the League, they were founded in 1880 and were known as the League of American Wheelmen. Bicyclists were then known as "wheelmen" and founded their organization because of conditions they faced, including rutted, almost impassable roads of gravel and dirt and antagonisms they faced from horsemen, wagon drivers, and pedestrians.

The Bethel Library has announced plans for the Summer Reading Program. This is the 28th year that the library has offered the program for elementary and preschool children in our community. The program is designed to celebrate and promote reading for enjoyment. Children have the choice of reading twenty books or reading for a minimum of fifteen hours. Children and their parents/guardians can decide which option is best for them. To encourage children to visit the Bethel Library, the library requests that the books read be selected from the library. At the end of the summer, all the children who com-

plete their goals will have the opportunity to go to a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game with their family. Participation forms will be available at the library after June 17. For more information, call the library at 824-2520.

In preparation for Memorial Day, volunteers from the Crockett-Harrington family of Bethel and Bethel's Mundt-Allen Post 81 of the American Legion have been placing American flags on the graves of more than 800 veterans buried in 21 local cemeteries. This volunteer activity is done yearly at this time as a service to the town in memory of deceased veterans.

Usually this time of year I am tramping along the roadways and through the woods and pastures looking for the first wildflowers. My fifth and sixth grade teachers at Crescent Park School created projects each spring to see how many wildflowers we could identify. Of course, in those days (the 1960s), we picked the flowers, pressed them, and created a booklet with the flowers we found. These days I don't pick wildflowers; I keep a journal noting the flower, date, time, and place I saw the first blossom of the season.

In the last few years I have found flowers I have never seen before, including Dutchman's breeches, brilliant purple bottle gentians (which are becoming scarce), and coltsfoot; I am still seeking the elusive yellow lady's slipper. Most of these flowers are here, you just need to look. A few years ago I thought I had found a rare nodding trillium and then a friend said, "I have dozens of those near my house." This year I have modified

my flower search because my mother and I are preparing to close up the old Brown family farm and move a few miles south. I thought I'd share a few places where I have found great wildflowers in the Bethel area. One of the best places is around Telstar, especially along the running and snowmobile trails behind the campus. I have found dozens of flowers there, including star flowers, mayflowers, Jack-in-the-pulpits, trilliums, and lady's slippers. Now the far side of the upper athletic field is covered with thousands of blueets and violets.

Maggie's Nature Park in Greenwood also has dozens of wild flowers, among them wild sarsaparilla, Solomon's seal, bellwort, wild columbine, and lady's slippers.

Our roadsides and gravel pits and old mill yards are home to flowers like coltsfoot, clovers, vetches, bladder campions (common along the railroad tracks), hawkweed, cinquefoils, and wild strawberries. Dandelions, one of my favorite flowers, reach their peak soon; fields will be covered in brilliant golden yellow. My neighbor in Virginia actually had a tool for digging up dandelion roots. Like many people, he considered them an "evil" weed. Actually, the common dandelion is not a weed but was brought here by European settlers as a food crop. It is used as a medicine and food. The leaves and buds are used in salads or cooked as greens. The flowers can be made into dandelion wine, jam, and a honey substitute.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



This week sure started out on the cold side. I sure hope that is the end of it and that we all can enjoy the outdoors more. Just beware the ticks. I heard they will be more plentiful than last year. It would be interesting to compile a list of various repellents. So, please share what you use to stay safe. Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Arlene Harrington's sister Charmaine arrived last Thursday for a visit and stayed till Tuesday the 17th. They had a great time together doing some shopping, talking and getting caught up on news of friends.

There will be a benefit for Meals on Wheels on Sunday, May 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. hosted by The Shadagee Ramblers. It's at 595 Gore Road, the Legion

Hall, in Greenwood. Admission is \$10 at the door and is free for children 12 or younger. There will be live music the local Shadagee Ramblers Band, a 50/50 raffle, raffle items and a pie auction. Refreshments and snacks are available. Come and enjoy some good old fashioned fun and support a good cause at the same time.

As a reminder, the Middle Intervale cemetery cleanup is scheduled for this Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, May 22. Please, do come and help out.

Alder River Grange met on May 13 at the hall with nine members and two visitors. There was a discussion on the upcoming yard sale to set up time and hours. The Worthy Deputy gave a few words of advice. Alder River Grange will have its first yard sale of the season May 27 to 29 at the hall. The sale will open at 9 a.m. and close in the afternoon.

Here is the answer to the last Trivia question: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bailey were living in the Brick End House, Middle Intervale, for the summer of 1946.

Have a great week everyone.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Gardening has been my passion for many years, mostly perennial flowers and a few shrubs. My maternal grandparents came from East Bethel and both sides were serious farmers. James Herbert and Nina Mason Swan's farm is on the Middle Intervale Road, across the street from the Church and East Bethel Cemetery. He had a store at the corner and delivered mail around town. Ancestors, Judson Florence and Gertrude Preble Bartlett, farmed on the East Bethel Road just down the way from Neal Olsen's famous Trappers' Weekend. Both of these farms remain standing, which is amazing given the recent removal of buildings here in West Bethel.

My mother knew the ropes when it came to growing plants, especially vegetables. She always had a big garden and raised enough corn to feed half the neighborhood. Carrots, radishes and cucumbers all grew for her on the West Bethel farm we loved. When it was time to gather the veggies for preservation, she got help from many hands and together we enjoyed canning and freezing the fruits of our labors.

I live only a mile from my parents' home and my land is extremely different than theirs. They have



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fine sandy soil in the valley called "Pleasant" and mine is bony gravel beside the mighty Androscoggin River. When it comes to gardening my land is challenging especially for root crops as they send down a fine tap root and more often than not, the fragile root hits rocks and stunts the plants. One must screen out as many of the large rock when planting carrots, parsnips, and beets.

Recently I had a conversation with my daughter, Sarah, who I'm proud to say is working on an organic farm for the summer. She's been studying sustainable farming in a small lot and I came across a book at Tractor Supply called "Mini Farming, Self-Sufficiency on 1/4 Acre." I am trying a new method this year of making raised beds and planting in blocks instead of the traditional long rows with long pathways between each row, as it saves walking space. I feel the raised bed will be easier to weed and keep organized. I'll let you know how this method works for me. I've got potatoes, garlic, and onions in the ground so far and am scrounging 2x6s to make the raised beds. Each bed takes hours to prepare as I am picking rocks and grass roots out as I go and turning the soil to get the manure mixed in well. I am happily exhausted by 2 p.m. and sleeping better than I have all winter. The benefits of a well-made garden.

May your week be happy and filled with kindness.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



We had a couple of nice days last week. Saturday was beautiful, but then along came

Sunday. It was damp, rainy and just plain miserable, or in other words a good day to work inside.

My brother, Steve McLain, arrived at the house last Saturday morning just in time to say hello to Jeremy Morin, who was parked out in front of the Town Hall.

Jeremy was fixing the broken window that is in the front of the hall. This is a quick fix to keep the old building from obtaining further damage with a missing window. There will have to be a plan to do some major work on this building before it has too much more damage to it. Many thanks to Jeremy for his interest in the building and taking time to fix the window.

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Club at the Methodist Church on Main Street in Bethel. The club president was there so Lise did not have to run the meeting this time.

Peter and Claudia Risbira were in town for a brief visit last week. They plan

on coming to their Gilead house quite often throughout the summer.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, took first place in the long jump at the Gorham Middle School Track Meet last Saturday.

Hugh and I attended the monthly meeting of the Woodstock Historical Society last Saturday evening. It was announced that they had received a grant that they had applied for recently.

I was reading about squirrels and trying to find something that might deter them from bothering the little rhododendron bush on the front lawn. They were eating the buds off from it. One of the ideas was to cut up oranges and place around the base. The squirrels seemed to stay away but we found out that chipmunks love oranges.

We put out the hummingbird feeder on Mother's Day, but it was not until last Friday the 13th that we noticed one and then there was another. It is only the males that have arrived so far, as always. It turned out that Friday the 13th was a lucky day for bird sightings. We were having lunch when we noticed the hummingbirds and then there was a flash of orange and black. A male Baltimore Oriole and a couple of females were in the little bush and enjoying the oranges.

While we were watching them, there was a little blue colored bird in the bush nearer to the house. It was the Indigo Bunting, who usually shows up nearer to Memorial Day. They joined the Rose-Breasted Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, Red-Winged Blackbirds, the Cardinal and all those little birds.

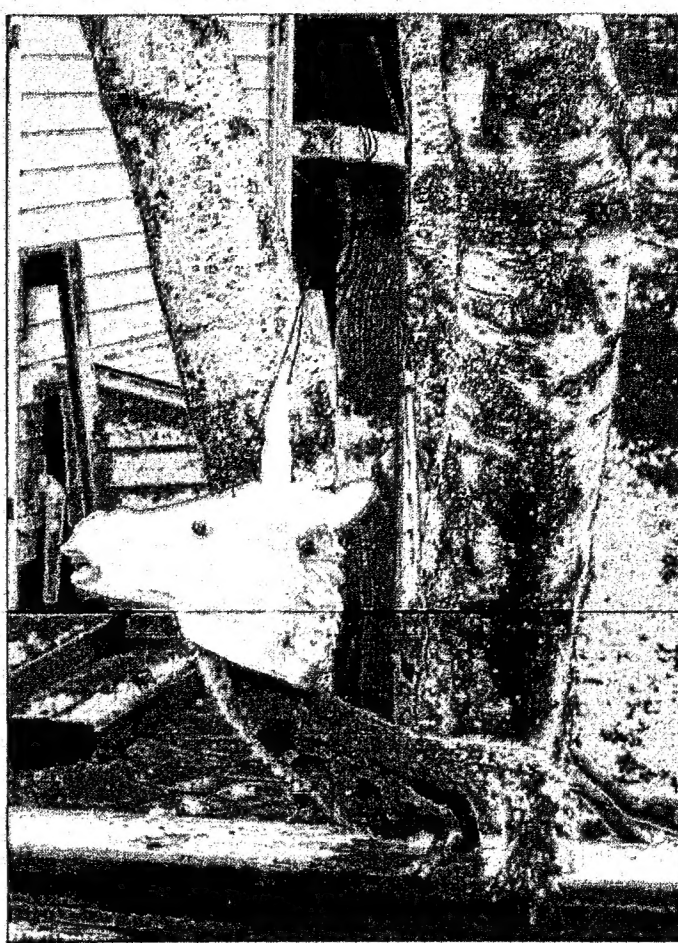
The Baltimore Orioles, Indigo Bunting hung around the rest of the day and we went out to set under the tent for a while to watch them. When we were getting ready to come in, a hawk appeared and swooped into the birds, but when I hollered at him, he left "empty handed."

All of the varieties of birds were at the feeder on Sunday, so hopefully the hawk has moved on.

Mary Tyler reported that the first class of her Western Mountain Senior College Course "Genealogy: Cemetery Research or 'Digging Up Bones'" went well. The emphasis of this course is on cemeteries for a great source of genealogy information, but the class will look at other resources such as birth/marriage/death records, obituaries, census records and much more.

Gilead Historical Society

Hugh and I traveled to Berlin, N.H. to pick up some paint to spruce up the GHS buildings in a couple of spots on front. We got some red paint for the station which matches quite well. Now, anyone



SQUIRELICORN? Bud Kulik of Bethel received a unique squirrel feeder for his birthday. "There are peanuts inside the unicorn's head that stay dry in the rain and they make the squirrel appear as a unique animal," said Bud's wife, Lynne. "How we do laugh at this sight."

L. Kulik

would think that white paint is white paint but if you deal with paint, you know it is not. There are many shades of white so we needed to research that a little more before buying white paint.

One of the reasons for the need for paint for the school is related to the installation of the handicap access ramp. There will be work done to the building, so this will result in a little bit of painting. We have ordered the ramp, ordered a proper door and secured a carpenter. This will check off one more major project we have been raising funds for over the past two years.

Last Saturday, Hugh and I, along with Mary Tyler, met with a couple, Bill and Jeanne Marioni, from Sonoma, Calif. to do some family history. They contacted us about a month ago and said they would be in Gilead to find out more about the Bean Family, Bill's ancestors. We had time to prepare and search through Gilead records and find quite a bit of information for them. Mary has started another notebook for the Bean Family as part of her history of a town series.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Church will begin summer services Sunday, May 29 at 5 p.m.

Letter B Notch Riders are scheduled to meet Sunday, May 22, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The lawns that I mowed Friday were covered with about a half inch of snow

Monday morning. Maybe next week I will think about rotor-tilling and planting.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Don't forget the Town Spring Clean-up Event to take place on Saturday,

May 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The event will have the Andover Elementary School as headquarters and is being sponsored by the Andover Parent Teacher Association, Andover Elementary School and the Andover Service Circle. Participants will be supplied with plastic trash bags and adult and children's size latex-free gloves will be available. Areas around the school can be cleaned up as well as your own local neighborhood. Refreshments will be available at the school.

The Andover Water District will be holding its annual meeting on Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m. in the CEB dining room at the First Congregational Church.

News of interest from the Selectmen's Office. The Town is seeking bids on the building of a retaining wall and slab at the Transfer Station. Specifications and plans are available at the Town Office. Those who have volunteered for the Committee to Explore an Alternative Form of Government will receive letters establishing May 25 at 6:30 p.m. as the time for the first meeting. If you receive a letter, please let the Town Office know if

you intend to attend.

The School Budget for 2016-17 will be presented to the Selectmen on Tuesday, May 24 at a 6 p.m. meeting in the Town Office. The Selectmen will then issue a warrant for a Special Town Meeting/School Budget Meeting and Budget Validation Referendum. These warrants will be posted on May 25. The Budget Validation Referendum will be held on June 14.

Leo Camire, Chairman of Andover Olde Home Day is moving forward with plans and will consult with committee members at a meeting on May 19 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. Hopefully, he will have the T-shirt design. Although it was sent to me via e-mail, I could not open it, so therefore can't give you any further information. If you're interested in helping out with this year's event, please come to the meeting.

Memorial Day weekend is fast approaching and is always full of activities. On May 28, the Roxbury ATV Club will be hosting the Donald Ryerson Memorial Poker Run. Registration is from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Roxbury ATV Park & Ride, Roxbury Notch Road, Route 120. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well as some others.

That evening will be the annual Andover Alumni Banquet honoring the class of 2016. This year the event will be held at the Town Hall. See Peg Madigan, or Melinda Averill for tickets or additional information. On Monday, the 30th, the Knights of Pythias will be sponsoring the annual Memorial Day event on the Common at 9 a.m. Following this traditional honoring of those who have served our country, donuts and coffee will be served in the Town Hall. Thanks to the donut man, Dave White.

I'm sad to report that the Black Flies are in full presence in the village of Andover as I discovered when planting 30 gladioli

bulbs on Saturday! I'm not alone in complaining as we do each spring when the pests decide to invade us. I would just like to know what good purpose they serve. There must be one, isn't there? If you can enlighten me on the purpose of the Black Fly, I would appreciate hearing from you - jerich@twc.com or 392-3761. Those are also ways to reach me with news for this column.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WRIGHT CHAPMAN



Don't forget that Green-wood's annual Town Meeting is this Saturday, May 21 at 9 a.m. at the American Legion Hall on the Gore Road. We will be voting on the annual town budget, as well as electing one selectman and one school director.

This is your opportunity to have a voice in the governance of your town. No one seems to be quite sure who it was who first said, "Decisions are made by those who show up," but there's no doubt that it's true. So plan to be present on Saturday, enjoy some delicious breakfast treats and camaraderie with your neighbors, and have your say.

On the subject of showing up and having your say, the annual SAD 44 budget meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Telstar auditorium, and the district-wide vote on the budget at the polls will be on Tuesday, June 14.

The Trustees and Friends of the West Paris Library will hold a reception for retiring librarian Patty Makley next Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the library. Patty has served as the librarian in West Paris since 2005 and has been instrumental in bringing many wonderful programs to the library.

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We've had an invasion of blue jays at our feeders this week, with a record number of 15 at one time. They can't actually eat from the feeders, which are designed for finches, chickadees, and other small birds, but the smaller birds scatter a lot of seed on the ground and the blue jays have discovered it. We've also been visited by several rose-breasted grosbeaks and, very briefly, by an indigo bunting.

On my early morning walk on the Greenwood Road on Sunday, I had to stop while a pair of Canada geese with four very new babies crossed the road near Herb Ring's camp. They were escorted across by four other adult geese, all of whom were cheering them on. At least I assume all that honking was cheering; it could have been just a warning to me not to get any closer, one I was glad to heed.

Tony and Will spent several hours last weekend trying unsuccessfully to get the water going at our camp. When they finally dragged the pump out from under the camp and into the light, they discovered a fine crack in the housing, which explained the problem. Apparently some sediment in the pump prevented it from being fully drained last fall - oops.

I think that pump was the one my mom installed when she switched from a hand pump by the kitchen sink to running water and added an indoor toilet, which was back in 1965, so I guess it didn't owe us anything.

Fortunately, we happened to have a back-up pump, so they'll be installing that one as soon as this windy, chilly weather abates. It hasn't felt much like camp weather for the past couple of days.

The next GHS program will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, at the Town Hall on Main Street, and will feature a talk by Maine historian Herb Adams about Addison Emery Verrill (1839-1926), a Greenwood native and renowned zoologist. Verrill recorded his memories about the early history, natural resources, social life, and genealogy of Greenwood in a series of articles for the Oxford County Advertiser.

See you at Town Meeting on Saturday! E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or call 875-5511.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Today, May 19 at 2 p.m. is the Whitman Memorial Library program. Guest speaker is Finn Melanson. He will be presenting a program on "Rank Choice Voting." The public is welcome to attend at no charge. Light refreshments will be served.

Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met at the Grange Hall on Monday evening, May 9, for a regular meeting with seven members. Michelle Cary served as president for the evening. The Charter was draped in memory of Phyllis Jordan. Memorial Day plans were discussed. Also, the date of the Dept. Convention. The Memorial Day program will be Monday, May 30 at 1 p.m. This is held at the Veterans' Monument by the Library. Program is followed by a parade to Lakeside Cemetery. All are welcome to march or watch. Dept. Convention is in Waterville on June 24. Nineteen calls were reported. AJ Cary received the mystery package. Next meeting is June 13.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service and Bloom for girls 13 to 18. Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotions were held Tuesday, May 10 with 14 ladies present. A good time of Bible study and friendship was enjoyed.

Mother's Day, Ken and I went to our daughter's, JoAnn and David Crockett to a family gathering. Those present were Beth and Steve Hoover, Marybeth, TJ and Gabe Ray, Bob Hoyt and Lisa Petrucci, Lola Crockett, Burnie and Gloria and Dr. Vicky Rice, and Joe and Cindy Campbell. Good food and good fellowship was enjoyed.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



10:45 a.m., Monday, May 16

Another very windy day here - 45 degrees and mostly cloudy with some sunshine.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22. The Down East Country Music Association will

be holding their Annual Country Music Legends and Memorial awards show at the Silver Spur in Mechanic Falls (Route 121). Doors will be open by 11:30 and show starts at 12 noon.

A surprise 80th birthday get together was held for Raynold (Mac) McAllister this past Sunday at the VFW Hall in South Paris. The party was arranged by his children Tausha (Norway) and Rick (New Hampshire) and other family members.

Paula and I will be entertaining for the residents here in town tomorrow afternoon. We have added a few more songs to our list for the sing-alongs. We al-

ways look forward to our monthly nursing home and Veteran's home visits.

The hummingbirds are performing their daily antics of chasing each other around the hedges and up over the house. They are the perfect little creatures to start off my day. There are three out there today so I gained another one this morning.

Congratulations to my niece, Dori Lynn on her graduation from the University of Maine on Saturday, May 14. She just completed her courses in Business Administration and Management.

Belated birthday wishes to our granddaughter, Becky.

West Paris Library offers book group

The Arthur L. Mann Memorial Library has been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to offer "Let's Talk About It," a free reading and discussion group with copies of books available through the library. This program is provided by the Maine Humanities Council's Maine Center for the Book, in cooperation with the Maine State Library.

The five-session series "Making a Difference: How Love and Duty Change Lives," begins Thursday, June 2, at the Arthur L. Mann Memorial Library in West Paris, and continues through Aug. 25.

Books to be read and discussed in this series include: Plainsong (Kent Haruf), The Death of Vishnu (Manil Suri), The Late George Apley (J. P. Marquand), Truth and Beauty: A Friendship (Ann Patchett), and All Quiet on the Western Front (Erich Maria Remarque). The Maine Humanities Council has arranged for Robert Farnsworth to facilitate the discussions.

"Exploring ideas and issues through literature has a unique and fun way of creating community," said Nicole Rancourt, director of Let's Talk About It. "We find that there is great interest among adults in getting together to discuss what they've read with others. Having a discussion leader like Robert Farnsworth who is both excited about the readings and skilled in facilitating can help to deep-

en this experience."

Robert Farnsworth facilitated a previous "Let's Talk About It" book group at the West Paris Library. Participants in that series expressed appreciation for his expansive knowledge, while at the same time, as an enthusiastic first time book-group participant said, "He respected all participants and their views." Other participants appreciated his "thought-provoking questions which brought the conversation and thinking to a deeper level."

Robert Farnsworth's poetry has appeared in magazines all over the U.S., in Canada and the UK. He has published three collections, Three or Four Hills and A Cloud (1982) and Honest Water (1989), and most recently, Rumored Islands (2010). His work has won him a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship in poetry and a P.E.N. Discovery citation, and for the summer of 2006 he was the poet-in-residence at The Frost Place in Franconia, N.H. He has for the past 24 years taught writing and literature at Bates College.

Books for the program are available for loan at the library. Please call the library at 874-2004 to register and come in to pick up the first book of the series. The library is open Monday 1:30 to 6, Wednesday 1:30 to 7, Friday 1:30 to 6, and Saturday 10 to 2.

For more information about "Let's Talk About It" and the work of the Maine Humanities Council, see www.mainehumanities.org or call the office in Portland at 207-773-5051.

West Paris librarian retiring



The Trustees and Friends of The West Paris Library are holding a reception for retiring librarian, Patricia (Patty) Makley, on Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the library.

Her attachment to the library began years ago, when Mrs. Makley became a Friend of the Library, joining a small but enthusiastic group working to create programs and events for adults and children, and to raise funds for needed items. Her first volunteer hours were spent weeding and planting in the gardens.

It was in 2005 that she became the librarian. This was a time when discussions and plans were being made for a much needed addition. As well as adjusting to her new role of librarian, Mrs. Makley was a vital participant in the decision-making of this endeavor. Her high standards of excellence are obvious now, in many of the finishing touches that make the library a welcoming place for patrons. The new addition opened in 2011, to the delight of the local community and all who worked for its achievement.

These past 11 years, Mrs. Makley has been dedicated to providing friendly and tireless service to a growing number of patrons, young and old. She has always worked with the Trustees and current Friends of the Library to make the library a center for educational, artistic and social occasions.

Coordinating with staff at local Agnes Gray Elementary School, Mrs. Makley has welcomed monthly visits from 1st or 3rd graders for a story time and for a chance to experience checking out books.

Please join us May 24 to wish this faithful and talented librarian a happy retirement, and to thank her for the many years she has served her patrons and community with creativity and caring.

Famous chicken pie suppers starting

The first chicken pie supper of the season at the Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church will be this Saturday, May 21. Proceeds will be dedicated to providing scholarships for children wishing to go to Camp Mechuwana this summer, a United Methodist Camp in Maine.

The supper will be held at the Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church in the village of Bolsters Mills in Harrison. There will be two sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. with a third sitting to follow if necessary. Dinner includes chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages, and dessert. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 12. Any additional donations would be welcome.

Chicken pies will be sold at the supper if available. Reservations will be taken only on Saturday morning, the day of the supper, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. by calling the church at 583-9024. Please do not leave a message: reservations must be confirmed. Otherwise, the sale of supper tickets will begin at 4 p.m. with seating available in the sanctuary until the supper.

Throughout the summer and fall, the suppers will be held on the third Saturday of each month, ending with the final one in October.

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The Bethel Citizen

Free forum on high-speed internet in Bethel area

A forum that is free and open to the public will explore access to and affordability of high-speed internet technology in the Bethel area, how it is being used in business, everyday life and supporting our communities, and how well existing broadband access is meeting the needs in our communities. The forum is being held on Wednesday, May 25, 6-7:30 p.m. at Telstar High School in the Lecture Hall and will include light refreshments.

High-speed internet or broadband is critical infrastructure for business, education health, care, public safety and government operations. Oxford County lags behind most other counties in Maine in adoption of the internet.

Only 80 percent of Oxford County businesses have an Internet connection compared to 93 percent for the state.

Just 3.3 percent of Oxford County businesses and residents have connectivity at the state download and upload standard of 10 Mbps (megabytes per second) which is the lowest percentage of any county in the State except Somerset County.

The primary barriers to broadband adoption among Maine households and businesses are a lack of knowledge of the

value of the internet and computers and the cost of a broadband subscription.

Featured presenters include State Representative Norman Higgins (R-Dover-Foxcroft), a member of the Legislature's Energy, Utility and Technology Committee; Susan Corbett, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Axiom Technologies, Inc. in Machias; and Lisa Leahy, Associate Executive Director of the ConnectME Authority. Representatives of Oxford Networks and Time Warner Cable—the most available local internet service providers—will be participating in the forum, too.

This forum is organized with support from Maine West—a collaboration of nonprofit organizations and individuals dedicated to addressing systemic rural challenges and enhancing community well-being in western Maine through increased collaboration across economic, education, health and conservation sectors.

Co-sponsors include Coastal Enterprises, Inc., the ConnectME Authority, Community Concepts Finance Corporation, and the Maine Broadband Coalition.

Age-Friendly Community news

The Age-Friendly Community team is sponsoring a public meeting TODAY: Thursday, May 19, 5-7 p.m. at the Alliance Church in Bethel. It celebrates our first year of work and begins focused planning around projects as identified in the October survey and in public meetings over the past few months. Stay tuned for more news on the planning process!

Did you hear the MPBN "Maine Calling" program on Thursday, May 12? Entitled "Disrupt Aging," it featured Maine's AARP Director, Lori Parham, with the highlighted guest, Dr. Bill Thomas. The program is well worth a listen, and you can access it at <http://news.mpbn.net/post/disrupt-aging#stream/>. You may also be interested in seeing Bill Thomas in Portland on May 20. FMI: <https://drbillthomas.org/local/portland-me/>.

One Maine resource that was noted in the Maine Calling segment and will

actually be featured in a future show is the Maine Senior College Network. Our own Western Mountains Senior College, a member of the network, is a fine example. Don't forget to "tune in" by going to <http://wmscollege.blogspot.com/>. There's a lot going on—some for WMSC members and some for the public. And some are non-WMSC events of note in the general community.

One such event is a Shadagee Ramblers public performance this weekend to benefit the Meals on Wheels program, which is in great need of support. Please help if you can: \$10 per person at the door, under 12 free. Live music, 50/50 raffle, pie auction, refreshments and more. That's Sunday, May 22; 2:00-5:00 pm; American Legion Hall, Gore Road, Locke's Mills.

FMI on any of the above: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met May 11 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting and pot luck dinner with 31 members present.

President Fran Head conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. Members sang "God Bless America". The blessing was given by Carol Stevens, minister of the church. Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Rachel MacKay and the door prize by Musa Brown.

The next meeting will be June 8 2016 at the Sudbury Inn, Main Street, Bethel for their meeting and luncheon. Meeting starts at 11am. The menu is Pork Cordon Bleu with veggies or Soup of the day with

Chicken Wrap. Cost is \$10. Reservations must be made before June 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your choice.

Terry Angevine, Wellness Ambassador from Rite Aid was the speaker, reminding members of the services that Rite Aid provides for Senior Citizens. She had Goody bags for members with all kinds of information and coupons in them. The pharmacist are always willing to answer any questions you might have.

Haley Tripp was present to take blood pressures.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having May birthdays: Judy Buxton, Bette Gilbert, Sandra Gunther, Denise Swan, Stanley Sobocinski, Beth Cormier, Joe Shimamura, Rachel MacKay and Paula Smith.

77 in inaugural May Day 5k Run/Walk



The first annual May Day Run/Walk drew 77 people to the Crescent Park School in Bethel. Pictured are the 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Walk start (above) and the youth (below) start.



May Day 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Youth Run/Adult Walk results:

5K Overall women: 1st Kristin Dacko, 2nd Amy Bottomley, 3rd Heather Roderick
5K Overall men: 1st Sully Jackson, 2nd Scott Bottomley, 3rd Gaelan Boyle-Wight

Women 5K Age groups:
Women Under 19: 1st Jillian Boyden (age 8), 2nd Isabel Chase, 3rd Nyla Dixon, other finishers: Gabrielle Thompson (age 9)

Women 20-29: 1st Vicki Rice, 2nd Trista Morin, 3rd Liz Kendall

Women 30-39: 1st Jennifer Heinzen, 2nd Amanda Baker, 3rd Sarah Stowell, other finishers: Kristen O'Connor, Jessie Perkins, Mandy Berry

Women 40-49: 1st Roxanne Ames, 2nd Elise Boivin, 3rd Jenny Boyden, other finishers: Kristen Powell

Women 50-59: 1st Sarah Southam, 2nd Lisa Arsenault, 3rd Mindy Viennet, other finishers:

Grace Padilla, Wendy Youmans, Karen Rosenberg, Darlene Beck
Women 60-69: 1st Karen Gallagher, 2nd Diana Guild

Men 5K Age Groups:
Men Under 19: 1st Jackson Trevaune, 2nd Elijah Laird, 3rd Ricco Call, other finishers: Wyatt Theilbar, Tyler Heinzen, Spencer Lawson, Storer Boyden, Sam Thompson

Men 20-29: 1st Andrew Whitney

Men 30-39: 1st Wade Kavanaugh, 2nd Stephen Dacko, 3rd Scott Lane, other finishers: Rich Viitala Jr., Charlie Baker

Men 40-49: 1st Kevin Jackson

Men 50-59: 1st Fred Call, 2nd George Ames, 3rd Bill White, other finishers: Kevin Finley, Jonathan Goldberg, Ray Geiger, Gary Hodgkins

Men 60-69: 1st David Walker, 2nd Charles Cavanaugh

Men 70-79: 1st Gary Brearley

Men 80+: 1st John Howe

5K Walkers
1st Debbie Howe, 2nd Susie Dixon, 3rd Sheila Rollins, other finishers: Lee Smith, Cherle Thurston, Heidi James

1 Mile Run (youth ages 12 under)

Overall (combined boys and girls)
1st Cody-Ann Scanlon (age 6, time 7:15), 2nd Ethan Hart, 3rd Sam Thompson (age 6)

Girls under 5: 1st Cassidy Scanlon (age 3)

Girls 6-8: 1st Solei Lane, 2nd Maya Gunther-Bean

Boys 9-12: 1st Jaxen Call, 2nd Cyrus Woods

1 Mile Walk

1st (tie) Kevin Bean and Ruby Bean, 2nd Kathleen DeVore, 3rd (tie) Chris Theilbar and Fran Head

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DKT.NO.RUMDC-RE-2015-37

JORDAN GRAND CONDOMINIUM OWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Maine corporation having a principal place of business in the Town of Newry in the County of Oxford and the State of Maine, Plaintiff v. MOHD A. ASLAMI, of the Town of Sturbridge in the County of Worcester and the State of Massachusetts, & BERESHKAL S. ASLAMI, of the Town of Sturbridge in the County of Worcester and the State of Massachusetts, Defendants.

On the Motion of the Plaintiff for service upon the Defendants in this action by publication this Court finds that this is an action by the Plaintiff against the Defendants for foreclosure by civil action of a condominium association lien on real property owned by the Defendants in the Town of Newry in the County of Oxford and the State of Maine, being the same premises conveyed to the Defendants by Warranty Deed dated August 17, 2001 which is recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 2997, Page 2112, that said action may affect the Defendant's ownership of said real property and may result in a deficiency judgment against the Defendants, and that the Defendants cannot, with due diligence, be located or served by any other prescribed method of service.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that the Plaintiff may make service by publication upon the Defendants in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4(d)(1) and (g) of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

TO THE DEFENDANTS:

The Plaintiff has begun a lawsuit against you in the District Court which holds sessions at Rumford in Oxford County. If you wish to oppose this lawsuit, you or your attorney must prepare and file a written Answer to the Complaint within 20 days after the date of final publication of this Order. You or your attorney must file your Answer by delivering it in person or by mail to the office of the Clerk of the District Court at 145 Congress Street, Rumford, Maine 04276. On or before the day you file your attorney must mail a copy of your Answer to the Attorney for the Plaintiff as follows:

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IMPORTANT WARNING: IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER WITHIN THE TIME STATED ABOVE, OR IF, AFTER YOU FILE AN ANSWER, YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT ANY TIME THE COURT NOTIFIES YOU TO DO SO, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU IN YOUR ABSENCE FOR THE MONEY DAMAGES OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. IF THIS OCCURS, YOUR EMPLOYER MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY PART OF YOUR WAGES TO THE PLAINTIFF OR YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING BANK ACCOUNTS, AND YOUR REAL ESTATE MAY BE TAKEN TO SATISFY THE JUDGMENT. IF YOU INTEND TO OPPOSE THIS LAWSUIT, DO NOT FAIL TO ANSWER WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME.

If you believe the Plaintiff is not entitled to all or part of the claim set forth in the Complaint or if you believe you have a claim of your own against the Plaintiff, you should talk to a lawyer. If you feel you cannot afford to pay a fee to a lawyer, you may ask a Clerk of the District Court for information as to places where you may see, legal assistance.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that this Order be published in the Bethel Citizen, a weekly newspaper published in Bethel, Maine, once a week for three consecutive weeks, the first publication to be made within 20 days after the date of this Order, and that a copy of this Order be mailed to the Defendants at their last known address, to wit: 7 Laurel Hill Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566.

The Clerk is hereby ordered to incorporate this Order by reference in the docket for this case.

Dated: May 2, 2016

Judge, District Court

STATE OF MAINE
OXFORD,ss.
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CIVIL ACTION
DKT.NO.RUMDC-RE-15-40

POWDER RIDGE ASSOCIATIONS, a Maine corporation having a principal place of business in the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford and the State of Maine, Plaintiff v. JOHN F. GALLAGER, of the Town of Hampton Falls, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, & SUSAN J. GILMORE, of the Town of Hampton Falls, County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, Defendants.

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The Clerk is hereby ordered to incorporate this Order by reference in the docket for this case.

Dated: May 2, 2016

Judge, District Court



LEARNING ABOUT LOGGING-The Telstar Middle School 7th grade went to visit Bennett's Lumbering as part of their Maine Studies unit on the History of Maine logging. The students learned about economics, geography, and history in this unit. While visiting the job site they met and questioned owner and Telstar graduate Mike Bennett. The employees of the company, Jason Berry, Cyle Marriot, Nick Sumner, and Telstar High School student Robert Crockett, who is a School to Work program participant, also gave excellent

answers to a multitude of questions. The questions ranged from sustainability, renewable resources, and environmental impact to equipment costs, fuel usage, and profitability. Bennett and his team gave demonstrations on each piece of equipment and discussed what each part of all the harvested product was used for. The crew provided much information about how the forestry industry works and how it will continue to be an important part of Maine's economic future.

Submitted photo



EDDY SCHOOL DISPLAY AT MINERAL CONFERENCE-Students at The Eddy School not only visited the recent New England Mineral Conference at Sunday River but they also presented an interactive table for the other visiting schools to enjoy. "We studied electricity this fall and they designed a table that allowed students to test the conductivity of various minerals," said teacher Deb Webster.

Submitted photo

Gould names classrooms after faculty



CLASSROOMS NAMED IN HONOR OF-Gould Academy held a scholarship and leadership giving celebration May 6, unveiling classrooms named in honor of three outstanding former faculty members: The Jay M. Davis Classroom, The Charles W. Newell '62 Classroom, and The Tineke Z. Ouwinga Classroom. All three classrooms are located in Gould Academy's Hanscom Hall. In photos from top are (from left): Jay "Mac" Davis, Andrew M. Davis, Nancy Davis, Jay T. Davis, Emma Newell, Alec K. Newell, Charles W. Newell, Caroline Newell, Lynn Newell, State Senator Martha Fuller Clark (New Hampshire), Tineke Z. Ouwinga, Dr. Geoffrey E. Clark, Dr. Marvin T. Ouwinga, Marlies L. Ouwinga.

Gould Academy

THS softball raffle winners

Winners of the Telstar Softball Raffle are:

Gall Wight - Red Sox tickets.
Wilma Bean - Sea Dog tickets.
Jeriah Edwards - \$100.
Will Martin - Cross Roads gift certificate.
Carrie Kimball - Kowloon Village gift certificate.
Winners of the calendar raffle:
May 2 - Dan Booker - Kowloon Village certificate.
May 3 - Andy Lowe - \$25.
May 4 - Shirley York - Maine Line Products gift certificate.
May 5 - 1/2 cord of wood - T. Chapman.
May 6 - gift basket - Dylan Cherkis.
May 9 - Lisa Ryerson - Sunday River Brew Pub gift certificate.
May 10 - Patti Coolidge - GEM movie tickets.

College grads

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

Desirae Cox, a 2010 graduate of Telstar High School, received a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training from the University of Southern Maine on May 14, 2016.

She is the daughter of Jann Cox of Greenwood.

UMAINE LAW SCHOOL

Anthony Aloisio of South Portland graduated cum laude from the University of Maine School of Law on May 14, 2016.

He is a 2005 graduate of Telstar High School.

School Sports



Telstar's Kaity Killam (left) and India Orino (right) run in a heat in the 100-meters at last week's track meet at Telstar.

A. Aloisio

High School Girls' Track

Meet at Telstar; May 12 - Mt. Valley 54, Dirigo 50, Telstar 48. 100 Dash: 1. Kaity Killam 13.1; 3. India Orino 14.3; 4. Wynter Morin 15.6. 1600 Run: 1. Kristi Hanscom 6:27.3; 2. Carla Boyle-Wight 6:50.9; 3. Emily Hanscom 7:36.4. 400 Relay: 2. K. Hanscom, Killam, Morin, Orino 58.2. 200 Dash: 1. Killam 28.5; 3. Marta Opie 32.9; 5. Morin 33.8. 3200 Run: 1. Kaitlyn Brown 13:35.5. Javelin: 1. Orino 80.05.5; 7. Morin 49.07.0. Long Jump: 1. Killam 13.06.5. Discus: 1. Orino 72.03.5.

High School Boys' Track

Meet at Telstar; May 12 - Mt. Valley 95, Telstar 86, Dirigo 55, Gould 9. Racewalk: 1. Michael Jones (T) 9:45.4. 110 Hurdles: 1. Avry Griffin (T) 15.8. 100 Dash: 2. Griffin 12.1; 4. Brett Hastings (T) 12.7; 9. Joe Dillon (T) 14.0; 10. Jones 14.1; 12. Jeremiah Richardson (T) 14.3. 1600 Run: 2. Gaelan Boyle-Wight (T) 5:53.0; 4. Elijah Laird (T) 6:11.1. 400 Relay: Griffin, Hastings, Richardson, Vermette (T) 51.3. 400 Dash: Matt Bennett (G) 56.7. 800 Run: 3. Bennett 2:26.6. 200 Dash: 7. Dillon 30.1. 3200 Run: 2. Boyle-Wight 12:12.2; 3. Ricco Call (T) 14.34.8; 4. Laird 14:45.6. 1600 Relay: Boyle-Wight, Call, Jones, Laird McGetchin 4:49.0. Shot Put: 1. Matt Morin (T) 34.06.5; 2. Elijah Mason (T) 33.01.0; 5. Dillon 29.04.4. Javelin: 2. Dillon 114.07.5; 3. Mason 109.11.5; 5. Matt Morin (T) 95.00.0; 7. Gabe Pasternak (T) 87.00.0. Long Jump: 3. Aaron Vermette (T) 17.06.0; 5. Hastings 16.11.0; 6. Morin 14.07.5. High Jump: 2. Vermette 5.04.0; 3. Hastings 4.06.0. Discus: 1. Morin 85.03.0; 2. Vermette 84.06.0; 4. Mason 75.11.0; 5. Richardson 72.03.0; 8. Pasternak 61.05.0. Triple Jump: 2. Griffin 39.02.0.

High School Varsity Softball

Telstar vs. Boothbay; May 11 - Olivia York and Tehya Johnson combined to throw a one-hitter as Telstar overwhelmed Boothbay by a large margin. Becca Howard and Bri Vitale had 2 hits each and Ashley Savage and Blair Stevens scored 3 runs each as every player scored for the Rebels. Olivia York and Blair Stevens had 3 RBIs each. The team is now 8-1 on the season. - Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar 5, Lisbon 4; May 16 - Becca Howard's 7th inning 2-run homerun lifted the Rebels to a win over a strong Lisbon squad. Olivia York held the Greyhounds to 7 hits and no base-on balls. Becca led the offense with 3 hits and 4 RBIs, Ashley Savage had 2 hits and two runs scored and Hayley Peterson had an RBI triple in the 3rd inning. The defense was solid for most of the game with Blair Stevens, Hayley Peterson, and Becca Howard making big plays to keep Lisbon from scoring. The Rebels are 10-1 on the season. - Coach Jim Lunney

Hebron 17, Gould 13; May 10 - May 10-Gould softball came up short at Hebron. Despite overpowering Hebron with their bats, Gould made too many errors on the defensive end to overcome early deficit they found themselves in. Gould gave up 5 runs in the bottom of the second, when they committed 3 errors and were never able to rally past that. Gould came within one run in the fourth inning when they put together 5 hits and scored 4 runs. The floodgates opened in the bottom of the 6th when Hebron scored 7 runs. Ashley Humphreys had a solid game going 4 for 4 and Emma Scheidegger went 4 for 5.

Gould Academy 38, Fryeburg Academy 10; May 11-The Gould girls rallied and played amazing ball at Fryeburg Academy (JV) winning 38-10. Eva McMillan had her pitching debut and did a great job on the mound. Leading the offensive charge were Jess Myers and Brenna Myles each with 4 hits and Eva McMillan and Aerin Young added 3 hits each.

High School Varsity Baseball

Dirigo 4, Telstar 3 (9 innings); May 13-Telstar's Tanner Wheeler and Josh Eliot both got hits in the first, but the Rebels left them stranded. Dirigo countered, but Tanner Wheeler was able to pitch himself out of a jam and leave the bases loaded. The second inning saw Zac Hill get a hit, but he was left on base. Tanner would pitch a 1-2-3 2nd inning. The Rebels threatened again in the third when Kellen True was hit by a pitch and Josh got another hit, but they too were left on base. A combination of 2 errors, a walk, and a base hit led to the Cougars getting on the board in the bottom of the third. The Rebels countered in the fourth when Fabian Corriveau singled, Zak Hill walked, and then Russ Cushman would make contact and an error allowed Fabian to score. The Cougars took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth on a hit batter and a double. The top of the fifth started with a hit from Tanner Wheeler. Tanner would score on a hit from Reggie Westleigh. The score would stay 2-2 until the top of the 7th when Josh Eliot, Hunter Williamson, and Reggie Westleigh would combine 3 hits for the go ahead run. The 7th inning wouldn't be easy for the Rebels, because they committed an error allowing the tying run to score. The score remained the tied until the bottom of the 9th inning when Dirigo scored the winning run. Tanner Wheeler pitcher 8 innings with Boston Ludden closing it out. "This was another really tough lose. Although it was a great game, we gave it to them." - Coach John Eliot

Lisbon 8, Telstar 2; May 16-On an extremely cold and windy day, the Rebels lost at home to the Greyhounds of Lisbon 8-2. Although the Rebels out hit the Greyhounds, 6 errors would cost the boys another game. Josh Eliot pitched a complete game Giving up 0 earned runs. The Rebel hitting was scattered throughout the line up causing them to leave runners on base every inning. "We had a hard time getting the runs in and a really hard time with routine grounders in the infield." Tanner Wheeler, Hunter Williamson, Josh Eliot, Reggie Westleigh, Fabian Corriveau, Russ Cushman, and Boston Ludden all had hits. - Coach John Eliot

Boys' Varsity Lacrosse

Proctor Academy 19, Gould 0; May 11

Gould Academy 6, Dublin School 4; May 14.

Middle School Varsity Softball

Mountain Valley 10, Telstar 9; May 11 - Brooklyn Kimball pitched an excellent game and contributed to the offense with a walk and a single and defensively she caught a line drive to start an inning ending double play. Emily Fraser had two hits while Aneah Bartlett, Lucy Rothwell, Emily Coffin, Ellen Files, and Perry Morton had one hit each. Bella Devivo played excellent defense and Shelby Thorman had a fantastic catch in the outfield to start a double play. This was an exciting game right down to the last out. The Lady Rebels played an excellent game. - Coach Jim Cobb

Middle School JV Softball

Fryeburg 4, Telstar 3; May 12 - Great pitching on the mound by Natasha Mason with 8 strikeouts Leah Kimball did a great job behind the plate. Great defensive plays by Ellie Williams and Madisyn Bean. Bailey Fraser, J-lyn Roy each had a hit and Natasha Mason had two. - Coach Linda Cozzolino

Middle School Varsity Baseball

Fryeburg 12, Telstar 5; May 12 - Tyler Hill continued to swing a hot bat going 2-3 with a single and a double, while Max Kruse and Orion Fournier added a hit each. The team is now 0-3-1 for the season. - Coach Tim O'Connor

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 19

Ranked Choice Voting Program; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Learn about our current voting system and the implications of adopting a ranked choice system here in Maine. See a sample ballot and experience how it works. Have your questions answered. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

AFCP Public Celebration; 5 to 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, Walkers Mills Road, Bethel. A celebration of the Age-Friendly Community Project's success. FMI: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com or 381-1110).

Dream Visions; 6 to 8 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 133. Forget the dream symbols! Learn how to recall your dreams, record them properly, and begin creating a better reality for yourself from the information gathered on the Realside. Instructor: Tanya Quartermann. Tuition: \$25. FMI: <http://sad44maineadulted.org> or 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Saturday, May 21

Relay for Life, Flying Monkeys Team Yard Sale Fundraiser; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (location to be determined and updated). The team is looking for donations for the sale. Donations of household items, small furniture, kitchen items, books, tools, etc. are being sought from now until May 20. No large furniture of clothing please. Items can be dropped off at Bethel Kitchen's on Main St. Any questions please email flyingmonkeysrelay1@gmail.com

Annual Greenwood Town Meeting; 9 a.m., American Legion Post, 595 Gore Road, Greenwood.

East Bethel Cemetery Clean Up; 9 a.m., East Bethel Cemetery. Rain date: May 22.

Texas Hold'em Tournament; Jackson-Silver Post 69, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m., games begin at noon. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, high-hand option. Meals and beverages available. BYOB. FMI: Ray (890-3737).

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

American Legion Post 151 Community Dance; 8 to 11 p.m., West Paris Legion Hall, 9 Church Street. \$10 donation at the door. BYOB. Music by Fat N Jacked. Refreshments on sale. Doors open at 7.

Sunday, May 22

Shadagee Ramblers to benefit Senior-Plus Meals on Wheels Program; 2 to 5 p.m., American Legion Hall, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$10 per person at the door, under 12 free. Live music, 50/50 raffle, pie auction, refreshments and more.

Reception and Fine Art Auction; 3 p.m. at the Mátolcsy Art Center, 480 Main Street, Norway, by the Western Maine Art Group and Norway Downtown. The kick-off event for this year's festival, there will be a silent and a live auction. Works from the WMAG's collection and by current members will be auctioned by Terry Swett. All proceeds will support the 2016 Norway Arts Festival July 8 and 9. Items to be auctioned include oil paintings by renowned local artists Duncan Slade, Vivian Akers, and Minnie Libby. In addition, drawings by "Shavey" Noyes and pieces by current Western Maine Art Group artists will be auctioned. Refreshments will be served. Each year, the Western Maine Art Group and Norway Downtown collaborate to stage the Norway Arts Festival, closing Main Street to traffic to create a relaxed pedestrian mall for artists, artisans, musicians, non-profit exhibitors, and vendors. Find out more at norway-artsfestival.org.

Monday, May 23

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Region 9 School of Applied Technology Open House; 2 to 5 p.m., 377 River Road,

Mexico. Those interested are invited to take a tour of the Region 9 facility, see demonstrations of student work and to learn more about the career and technical education programs available. FMI: <http://region9.mainecte.org> or 364-3764.

Wednesday, May 25

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Special Newry selectmen's meeting; 5 p.m. at Town Office for selectmen to hear presentation on engineering plan for rebuilding a portion of the Sunday River Road.

Broadband Internet Public Information Meeting; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar High School Lecture Hall. FMI: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com or 381-1110).

Thursday, May 26

Fourth Thursday Poetry Group Meeting; 5:30 p.m., Rumford Public Library. Social time with light refreshments and readings – your own or a favorite poets work – discussion. Join us. Bring a poem, bring a friend. FMI: 364-3661.

Past Life Regression; 6 to 9 p.m., Room 133, Telstar High School. Instructor: Tanya Quartermann. By exploring your past, you can better understand your present. Using hypnotic techniques, the instructor creates a very relaxed trance state. You are then guided on a journey through time and space. Please come in with an open mind, leaving your expectations behind. Is this real? Only you can determine the authenticity of your experience. Tuition: \$60. FMI/Registration: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org> or 824-2136 ext. 1340.

May 27, 28 and 29

Alder River Grange Yard Sale; 9 a.m., Alder River Grange Hall. No early birds please.

May 27, 28, 29 and 30

Lilac Festival; McLaughlin Garden and Homestead. Garden tours, lilac-care workshops and more. \$5 admission. Perennials, wildflowers and lilacs on sale. Gift shop will be open. FMI: mclaughlingarden.org or 743-8820.

Friday, May 27

Dedication of Veterans' Fishing Platforms; 10 a.m., Songo Lock, Sebago Lake State Park. This event celebrates veterans and their sacrifices to our nation and concludes more than five years of planning, coordinating with various State agencies, engineering studies, budget development, fundraising and construction.

Saturday, May 28

Berlin & Coos County Historical Society Barn Sale; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., East Milan Road, Berlin, N.H. Good selection of lamps, blankets, linens, furniture and more. FMI: (603) 752-4590.

Birds and Blooms walk on Buck's Ledge; 8:30 a.m. Lynne Zimmerman will share her knowledge of native flowers. Emily Ecker will share her love of birds. Meet at Buck's Ledge trailhead in Bryant Pond on Route 26, just north of public spring. Free. Made possible with member and sponsor support. Bring comfortable shoes, water, binoculars and snacks.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day Parade; 11 a.m., Main Street, Bethel. Line up at 10:30 a.m. at Napa. The parade will march up Main Street to the Common for a ceremony honoring veterans at 11 a.m. Fran Head is the main speaker. Miss Poppy will be announced, and the Mahoosuc Band will play.

Tuesday, May 31

Annual SAD 44 District Budget Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Telstar auditorium.

Bethel Senior Citizens Reservation Deadline; Reservations for the June Senior Citizens luncheon at the Sudbury Inn must be received by this date. FMI: See full June 8 listing.

Saturday, June 4

Bethel Library Plant Sale; 9 to 10 a.m. on the lawn next to the Bethel Library at 5 Broad Street. Get there early to buy affordable perennials donated by local gardeners. If you'd like to donate plants or want more information, call the library at 824-2520 or Susan Day at 824-2741 or Susan Parker at 824-4767. The sale takes place rain or shine.

Rhubarb Festival and White Elephant Sale; 9 a.m. to noon, First Universalist Church of West Paris, Main Street, West Paris. Home-made rhubarb pies, cakes, cookies and more. FMI: Beverly Stevens (739-0767 or bstevens@megalink.net) or Suzanne Dunham (dunham-farms@msn.com or 665-2967).

Community Yard Sale and Vendor Event; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oxford Hills Middle School, North Campus Football Fields at 100 Pine Street in South Paris. Rent a spot at the football field for \$10. Proceeds benefit #AQuest-forCommunityOHMS, for the school and donations to a charity or cause that is important to the students.

Summer Volunteer Fire Dept. Women's Auxiliary Annual Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sumner Fire Dept., Route 219, Sumner. Donations of gently used items are greatly appreciated, as well as house and/or garden plants. There will also be a "Sun, Sand and Surf" Raffle consisting of many items one would use for a day at the beach or one of our many great State of Maine Parks. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. The winner will be drawn at the close of the yard sale. FMI/Donations: Wilda Dunham (207-388-2981) or Charlotte Blier (207-577-4271).

Living Gluten Free Cooking Workshop; 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Dunham Farm, 29 Dunham Road, Greenwood. Instructor: Suzanne Dunham. This workshop will teach participants to bake with alternative flours, such as coconut flour and almond flour, and make gluten free tortillas that are egg and dairy free. Suzanne and her husband have operated a dedicated gluten free commercial kitchen at their farm for four years. Suzanne has been giving living gluten free seminars and workshops for over 10 years. Tuition: \$15. FMI/Registration: <http://sad44.maineadulted.org> or 824-2136 ext. 1340.

Monday, June 6

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic for discussion: What Does It Take To Change Our Minds? Moderator: Earl Morse. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Wednesday, June 8

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting/Luncheon; 11 a.m., Sudbury Inn, Main Street, Bethel. Menu options: Pork cordon bleu with vegies or soup of the day with chicken wrap. \$10 per person. Reservations must be made prior to June 1 by calling Alene Lowell with your choice.

Sunday, June 12

US Air Force Traveling Band, Westerly Winds; 3 p.m., Telstar High School. Presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

Tuesday, June 14

School Budget Validation Referendum; all SAD 44 towns.

Thursday, June 16

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, June 18

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Saturday, June 25

Bethel American Legion Auxiliary Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Legion Hall, Vernon Street, Bethel. Tables and space inside will be available for \$15; space outside will also be \$15, but tables will not be provided. Space is limited, so advance reservations and deposits are needed (contact Barb Dion at 824-3122 before June 19). There will also be a bake sale and lunch available.

Saturday, July 16

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – “SH” WORDS

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

ASH
SHY

4 Letters

DASH
HUSH
LASH
SHOW

5 Letters

FLASH
LEASH
SHRUG

6 Letters

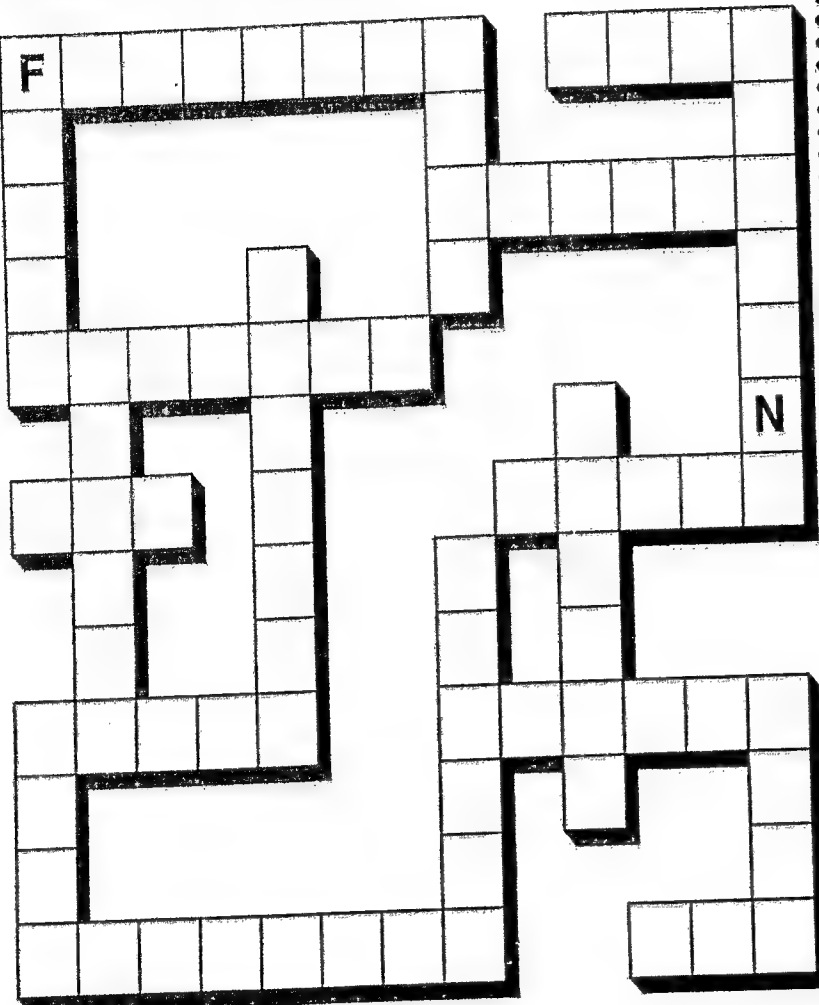
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SASHES
SHRIMP
THRUSH

7 Letters

HASHTAG
STYLISH
WASHING

8 Letters

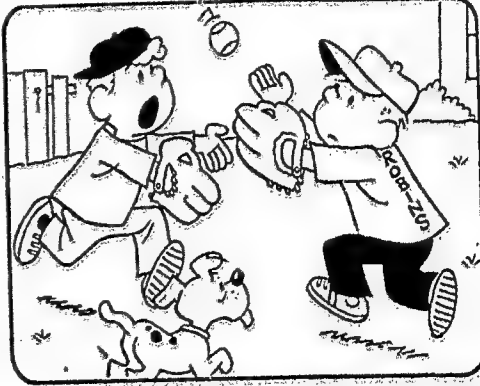
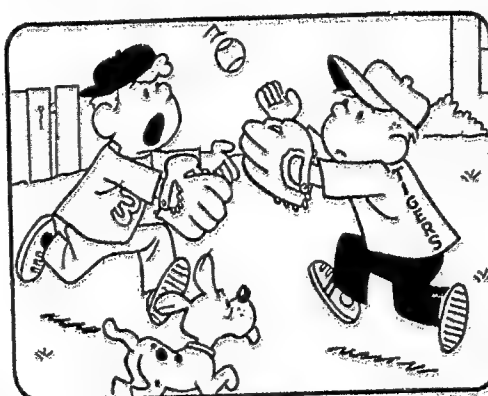
FLOURISH
HARDSHIP



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



1. Fence board is smaller. 2. Hummer is missing. 3. Glove is different. 4. Dog's ears are different. 5. Leg is moved. 6. Shift name is changed.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals Y

GWEPQ CWE VJC GJMU'V

DOWRKHO BJURHQ RW VRJC MU

RKH SJOQHU.WN HQUH NWO JV

PWUS JV KH BJV JDHP?

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Accuse

GACHRE

Busy

CAVIET

Loose

RADFIT

Debris

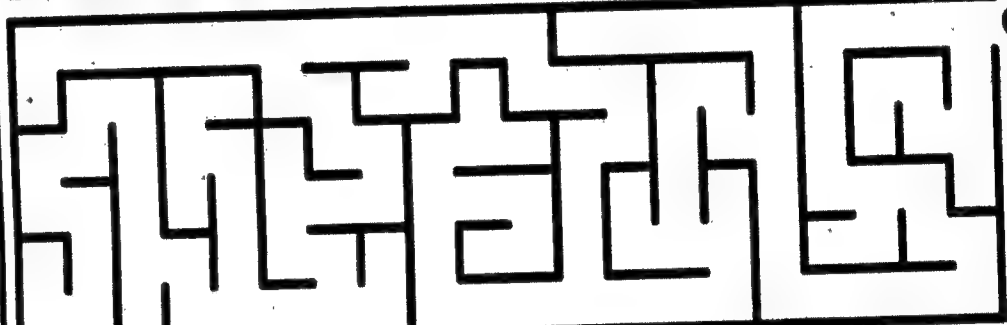
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TODAY'S WORD



"It may not be the Heimlich maneuver, but it's just as effective."

Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

KEEPING TO ONE SIDE

ACROSS

1 Blazing
7 Greek vowel
12 Alternative to "mac" or "bud"
20 One offering hush money
21 Tons
22 Mayonnaise, butter or mousse
23 Thing pushed by a flight attendant (left hand)
25 Unimportant matter
26 Alop, to poets
27 Not keep in
28 Plant that's a drug source (right hand)
30 Dog-paddles (left hand)
35 Upfront stake
36 Date steadily
37 "How Do I Live" singer
38 Full of frost
40 — chl
43 Sore
46 Mama's man
48 One on the same squad
53 Ziploc product (left hand)

DOWN

56 Fashion designer with the "3.1" label (right hand)
58 Greene of "Bonanza"
59 People hauled in
61 Dial and Zest
62 "That's —" ("Negative")
63 Minnelli of "Cabaret"
65 "... — gloom of night ..."
66 Double curve
67 Hand over formally
69 Typing (and the theme of this puzzle)
74 Orient
78 Charlotte of sitcoms
80 Telecast
81 Excavates
83 "No noise!"
84 Rigging poles
87 Spike heels
91 Autumn bloomer
93 University in San Marcos (left hand)
95 Hit song from a Leslie Caron film (right hand)

ACROSS

97 Recorded in advance
98 Light beams
100 English Channel swimmer
Gertrude
101 Vole in favor
102 Fast WWW hookup
103 Astronomer Tycho who coined the term "nova"
105 Tennis unit
108 Manage OK
111 "What I think is ..." (right hand)
117 Strike zone, say (left hand)
121 Boat blades
122 Livy's 1,006
123 Software clients
124 American violet (right hand)
129 Diverges
130 Develop
131 Bassett of "Notorious"
132 Thin quality
133 See 29-Down
134 Limy cocktail

DOWN

3 Book, in Nice
4 1860s prez
5 Sea, in Nice
6 History topic
7 Sci-fi hominid
8 Lawful
9 Entrée
10 The woman
11 Re
12 Country in West Africa
13 Folder's call, in poker
14 Dull bluish-gray color
15 Freak (out)
16 Bygone U.S. gas brand
17 Some speech flaws
18 Jeweler's magnifier
19 Not bat —
24 Ball dress
29 With 133-Across, amounts that rise with raises
31 Non-earthling
32 Actor
33 Very wise
34 Put a tear in
39 Hostage holder, e.g.
41 Wrong
42 Force (upon)
43 Insurer with a duck icon

ACROSS

44 Witchy woman
45 Judean king
46 Hole number
47 Epoch
48 Cravat, e.g.
49 Lofly trains
50 Carle lead-in
51 Gratuity
52 Letters before ens
54 Bulldoze
55 Donkey's cry
57 Bovine bunch
60 Kind of drum
64 1950s prez
66 Nest nugget
68 Galley goofs
70 Angling need
71 NHL team
72 Revered one
73 Not yet final, in law
75 In motion
76 Snail coverer
77 Piercing pain
79 Appraise
82 Gave a quick greeting
84 Indy sponsor
85 Part of mpg
86 Log chopper
87 — Foy, Que.
88 Iota
89 "Love — neighbor ..."

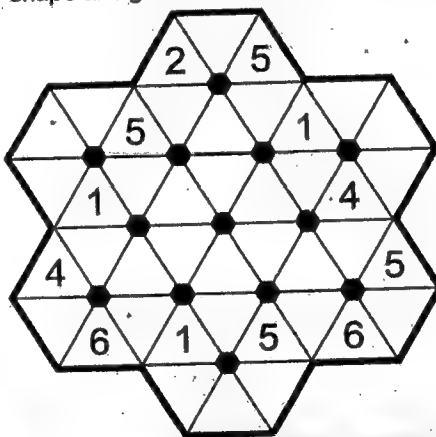
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90 — a shame!
92 Actor Martin
94 Watch a sports event
96 Vault
99 Liston fighter
102 Poor grade
103 "77 Sunset Strip" actor
Edd
104 Optimistic types
106 Studio prop
107 Fountain in Rome
109 Caravan layover sites
110 Iron
112 Perfectly plucked, in baseball
113 Parson's estate
114 Motivate
115 Future seed
116 Bite gently on
118 Forbidding
119 "My People" writer
Abba
120 Partially open
125 "... — mouse?"
126 Spree
127 One; Prefix
128 "Gigi" studio

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

3	6	1			4
	1	5	7		3
7			9	5	
	9		2		3
2		3		1	5
	7		5		6
8		9	3	1	
4	1	7		6	
	9	4		2	8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦♦

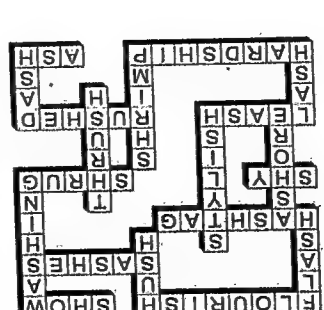
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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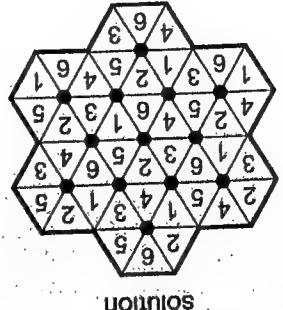


Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
1. Charge; 2. Active; 3. Adrift; 4. Refuse
Could you say Cain's brother wanted to stay in the Garden of Eden for as long as he was Abel?
answer
Cryptoquip



Puzzles4Kids



SNOWFLAKES

6	7	9	5	4	1	3	2	8
4	1	3	7	8	2	6	5	9
8	5	2	6	9	3	4	1	7
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1	8	5	6	9	3	7	4	2
7	8	4	2	3	9	5	6	1
6	2	1	4	5	6	7	8	3
5	3	6	1	7	8	9	4	2

Answers: Weekly sudoku

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2016

MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

As you can see we have been very busy getting together a great summer for our kids. MKA is "Out of this World" will be a fun filled 8 weeks of learning about the world around us. We are excited to be have the Bethel Historical Society and the Mahoosuc Land Trust join us for the first time to offer enrichment programming.

We are pleased to be able to partner with SAD #44 to offer an integrated Summer Quest program for students who need some additional academic support in the summer.

MKA is open to any child in grades K-5 whether they live in the school district or not! Come join us for a fun filled summer!

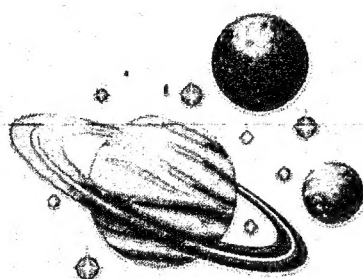
Congratulations to our CPS Coordinator, Kayla LeVeille and partner Ellis Williams on the birth of their daughter, Aurora on May 2nd. We are happy to have a new MKA baby!

Allie Burke, Sarah DeCato, Leanne Candura and I attended a 4 session workshop sponsored by BANC on Board Community Leadership. It was an excellent program facilitated by Amy Scott (BANC) and Carl Walker Aten from Lift 360.

The Mahoosuc Kids Association annual meeting is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17th. We do have one Board opening for the 2016/17 year.

Enjoy the last few weeks of school and the beautiful spring weather!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



MKA is Out of This World! Summer Adventure Program 2016



Eight Weeks of exciting activities and outings centered around dreams and imagination!

1. Habitats - Circle of Life
2. Earth - Third Rock From the Sun
3. Stars - Lions and Tigers and Bears...In the Sky?
4. Sun - Light Up Your Day
5. Weather - There's a Storm a Brewin'
6. Planets - Centered Around the Sun
7. Bethel - Welcome Home
8. Moon - One Giant Leap

Daily activities include arts and crafts, group games, enrichment programs, swimming, hiking, and field trips.

Enrichments vary with age groups and may include: cooking, environmental education, science exploration, technology, archery, golf, reading activities and more.

Activities are subject to change without no-

PROGRAM DATES:

Week 1: June 27-July 1 • Week 2: July 4-8 • Week 3: July 11-15 • Week 4: July 18-22
Week 5: July 25-29 • Week 6: August 1-5 • Week 7: August 8-12 • Week 8: August 15-19

Daily Plans at Summer Adventure Program

Troopers are greeted in the gym by their co-counselors between 8 and 9am. Each child joins one of three age-based troops. Children Entering: Kindergarten & Grade 1: Explorers • Grades 2 & 3: Voyagers • Grades 4, 5 & 6: Pioneers



Monday, Tuesday & Thursday MORNINGS

Explorers stay busy near school with daily activities.

Voyagers venture a little further into the community for hikes and exploration.

Pioneers are often away from base camp with activities such as kayaking at the 4-H camp in Bryant Pond and hiking every Thursday. Don't forget your hiking footwear!

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons are WET AND WILD!

Mondays: Greenwood Beach

Tuesdays: Angevine Park

Thursdays: Sunday River "Letter S"



2016 Weekly Field Trip Wednesdays

Troopers need to be signed in by 8:30 am for departure at 8:45 am.

Return is between 4 and 5pm.

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| 1. Maine Wildlife Park | 6. Maine Narrow Gauge Railway |
| 2. Coos Canyon | 7. Olympic Field Events at Oxford Hills HS |
| 3. Southworth Planetarium | 8. Sebago Lake State Park |
| 4. Popham Beach State Park | |
| 5. Portland Sea Dogs Game & Mt. Blue State Park | |

Tuesdays or Thursdays:

American Red Cross Swim Lessons!

July 5-August 11
Level 1-3+

Fridays are

FUN AT BASE CAMP!

All troopers have a morning of theme-based fun and exploration. Troopers help make lunch, then spend the afternoon with silly games, skits, songs, water balloons, scavenger hunts, and more!

What to Bring

We offer breakfast, two snacks, juice, milk, and a healthy appetizing lunch menu as part of our daily fee.

In the event of thunder and lightning, our outside plans will change in order to ensure the safety of all. However, on light rainy days, troopers need to be prepared to participate in all scheduled activities. Rain slickers are strongly recommended.

Also bring weather-appropriate clothing: swimsuit, beach towel, water bottles, water shoes, hats, sneakers, and extra clothes. Please mark all belongings with trooper's name.

2016 Rates & Fees

Weekly Rate: \$150 (5 days)

Daily Rate: \$30 per day with reservation

Half-Day Rate: \$15

Morning Half: 8am-12pm • Afternoon Half: 1-4pm

Visa, MasterCard and Debit Cards Accepted

Enrollment packets available upon request.

Payment is accepted each week prior to days of attending.

Enrollment packets are also available at

www.MahoosucKids.org



Program Hours:

8am-4pm ~ Sign-In and Sign-Out in Cafeteria
Early & Extended Childcare Available extra \$5 daily:
Early: 7:30 to 8 am ~ Extended: 4 to 5:30 pm
SIGN-IN & SIGN-OUT IS MANDATORY

Safety First

The Mahoosuc Kids Association is a State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services Licensed childcare center. MKA offers quality after-school programs for school-aged children, and the Summer Adventure Program as an alternative to summer childcare needs. MKA is a 21st Century Community Learning Center and embeds creative learning into its programs. For more information about MKA, and our community partners, log onto MahoosucKids.org.

MKA's year round staff serves as the leadership backbone of the Summer Adventure Program. Staff members are CPR and First Aid certified and follow strict risk management guidelines. Certified Lifeguards and trained water safety staff all water activities. In case of emergency, the Bethel Family Health Center is just five minutes from CPS base and Stephens Memorial Hospital is just thirty minutes away. The safety and well-being of the children is our greatest concern.



About Our Program & Community Partners

The Summer Adventure Program is a collaborative program offered by the Mahoosuc Kids Association with the generous support of MSAD #44, our local communities, the Bethel Inn Resort and Country Club, River View Resort, Bethel Historical Society, Mahoosuc Land Trust, River Valley Healthy Communities, Toe Tappin' Jazz, Maine Kyokushin Karate, the Town of Bethel and the Bryant Pond 4-H camp.

We appreciate the tremendous support from MSAD #44 employees, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, food service and business office personnel who make it possible to offer fun, safe and exciting summer opportunities for our youth.

Help for Families:

- Multi-Child Discount
- Childcare voucher programs accepted.
- Additional aid through possible scholarship funds may be requested.

Send a Letter of Need to:

Julie Hart, MKA Director
19 Crescent Lane
Bethel, ME 04217



The following businesses proudly support the Mahoosuc Kids Association

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Waterford Library annual meeting takes a look at the future

Heather Silva, Librarian for the Waterford Library gave an appreciative audience a peek at the future for the Library at the Annual Meeting on May 10.

Heather said the library is thriving and growing thanks to the volunteers and patrons, while others struggle to stay open. Because of the support from patrons and the town our

goal is to become more of a community center.

For instance, we applied to become a summer lunch provider for local students, meshing that program with a summer reading program. Though we weren't chosen to be a provider this year, we are going ahead with the summer reading program with the local childcare provid-

er on Thursdays 11-noon. All children are welcome.

We have a program called "Book to Movie Night" that looks at both the book used as a basis of a movie and then watch the film. Another multi media program is our "Documentary and Discussion" night. A documentary film is viewed and then a discussion of the topic follows.

We have attracted a nice group of Minecraft players who meet on Wednesday evenings along with an Adult Coloring night.

Our Community Garden took off last summer and we expect better yields this year. A plant your own veggies kit is being made available at the Sweden Food Pantry, compliments of the Waterford

Library through a community grant.

All this is now. The future will include expansion of floor space to have meeting space that is more accessible to our physically challenged patrons. As our collection grows we will be expanding shelf space to accommodate these additional volumes. "The Waterford library

mission is to provide a focal point for reading, learning and discovering," Heather said. She envisions it as a place to learn, not just from books, but also from our neighbors. Discovery and learning comes not only from reading, but also from the library's many diverse programs and service to the community.

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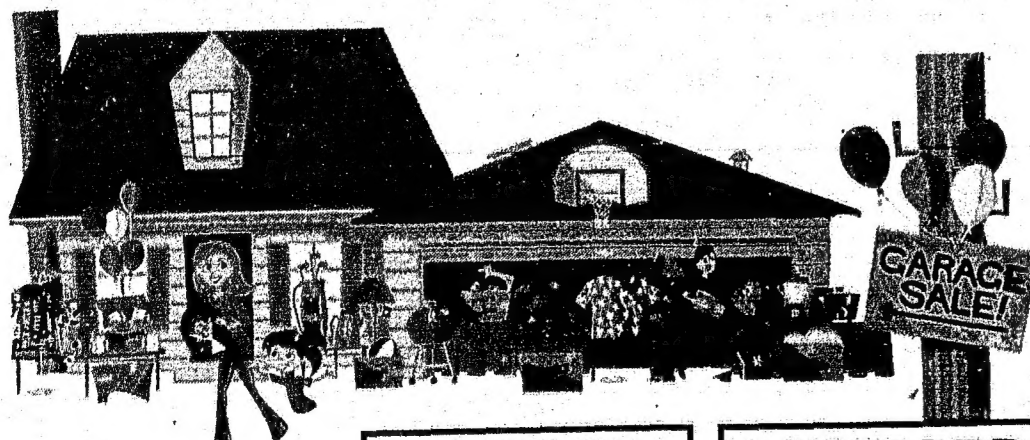
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Obituaries



MURIEL M. ARSENAULT

Mrs. Muriel M. Arsenault, 91, died Saturday May 14, 2016 at the Rumford Community Home. She was a resident of Marchand Lane in Roxbury.

Born in Rumford on Aug. 14, 1924 she was a daughter of Arthur and Amarilea (Dube) Patenaude. She was a graduate of Stephens High School in Rumford. She and her husband "Blackie" owned and operated "Blackies" Ski Shop in Rumford for many years.

Muriel was a Communicant of the Parish of The Holy Savior St. Athanasius St. John Church; she was a member of the Chisholm Ski Club where she volunteered for many years at "Muriel's Kitchen." She was a member of the Rumford Falls Aerie 1248, F.O.E. Auxiliary; she was formerly active in RAAPA; she served on the committees for both Stephens High School and the Super Reunion; she had

been presented the "Citizen of the Year" Award by three organizations.

Muriel was married in Rumford on Feb. 25, 1946 to Leonide "Blackie" Arsenault who died in Roxbury on April 19, 2006.

Survivors include her daughter, Sylvia Wendt and her husband James of Rumford, and a son, David Arsenault and his wife Sally of Roxbury; three grandchildren, Andrew Wendt, Eric Arsenault and his wife Janka and Erica Malta and her husband Mitch; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Theresa Hebert of West Paris. She was predeceased by six brothers and a sister.

Friends and relatives are invited to sign the on-line guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadersandson.com.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, May 20 at the Parish of the Holy Savior St. Athanasius St. John Church. Interment will be in St. John Cemetery in Rumford. Friends are invited to call at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, P.O. Box 537, Rumford, ME 04276 on Thursday, May 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. Those who desire may contribute to Chisholm Ski Club, PO Box 616, Rumford, ME 04276 or to Holy Savior School 115 Maine Avenue, Rumford, ME 04276 in her memory.

Drug Task Force meets

The Western Maine Addiction Drug Task Force met May 11 at Crosstone Restaurant in the Town of Woodstock.

Those in attendance: Taylor Owens - Healthy Oxford Hills; Jennifer Small - Common Ground Counseling; Heidi Bennett; Jessica Dufour; Allie Burke - River Valley Healthy Communities; Abby Burdin; Nancy McClean - SAD 17; Kate Shaughnessy; Wayne Gallant - Sheriff Oxford SO; Stacey Carter - Chief Rumford Police; Jeff Lange - Chief Paris PD; Brendan Schauf - Oxford County Wellness Collaborative; Cheyenne Mooney; Matt Baker - Sergeant Oxford SO; Becky Chagasulis (Dr.) SMH; David Fisher - Assistant Attorney General; Bill Stockwell - Coordinator Alcoholism and Drug Addiction/Oxford Hills Region;

Some highlights of the meeting:

Chief Lange informed the group that this would be his last meeting as he has accepted a position in Wisconsin as the Chief of Police and Sargent Matt Baker will be taking over his role with the Task Force.

At this point we have just under \$3,000 in our account from two successful fundraisers, one at Daddy O's Diner and the other was the Guns and Hoses Breakfast.

Fryeburg Police have the ability to carry Narcan now, for a 1 year period at this point.

September is National Recovery Month, and to raise awareness a group is being created to plan an event in Oxford County.

To finish the meeting, Jennifer Small presented Chief Lange with an award to say thanks for the time and effort he has put into this task force.

Backyard reflections

By SARA WRIGHT

On May Day after walking the dogs, I wandered around the house, field, brook, and wooded areas on my property looking for evidence of the first seasonal mayflowers. I thought about my mother, silently thanking her because she was the one person who taught me to appreciate these (mostly) diminutive denizens of the forest, fields and stream.

I love the month of May because it is about beginnings. All of Nature is preparing for the spring wildflower show. I walked down to the summer-shaded rock garden near the woods that is also nourished by my leach field. When I approached the irregular stone I was surprised to see a few buds of the trout lily that were opening. Their little yellow faces have petals that turn back on themselves reminding me of tiny turbans; their brown spotted leaves make a beautiful contrast to the delicate trumpet-like flowers.

The garden looked neglected because I had yet to rake out winter leaves and debris. A few raindrops were falling and because we were supposed to get real precipitation, not just drizzle. I decided that this wildflower garden needed my attention immediately. I felt a pang of guilt over my carelessness. This is the garden I love best, and all I have to do is to remove debris; she thrives on her own. By mid-June the show will be over (wildflowers dislike intense summer heat, and enter dormancy quite early in the season). In defense of my abandonment I reminded myself that wind and harsh sun had dominated all of April and because of the drought the greening of the earth in this part of the country was on hold. If it rained to night these thirsty plants would shoot up immediately.

Persephone's flames temporarily consumed me as I grabbed the rake and worked feverishly until the area was cleared, dumping pile after pile of leafy brush on an old compost heap nearby. As I went down on my knees to clear by hand the last detritus around the mossy granite stone I noted that the pink and white lady slippers, the anemones and shooting stars, the lily of the valley, and the blue bead lilies were still asleep, as were the maid-

enhair fern and a few of her relatives. It was hard to believe that within the month this lovely wild garden would be in full bloom. I uncovered bright green nubs that announced the presence of the may apple whose umbrella-like leaves would soon be unfurling above the surface of the rich brown earth. The pale green scalloped leaves of celadine petals promised sunbursts that would last until the first real heat wave. The shiny leaves of lavender blue myrtle held their buds close, and I also saw a large cluster of two-inch gray green spikes that belonged to the tall graceful bowed Solomon's seal with her white bell-like flowers. Both the painted (white with striking magenta stripes) and pure white Grandiflora trillium were breaking ground and looking quite ruffled, and a clump of columbine had leafed out like a small cabbage. Ajuga rosettes were turning reddish green, a few Canadian violets and my mother's favorite blue forget me nots were showing tufts of chartreuse.

I didn't see the bloodroot at first. The perpendicular closed sage colored leaf hid the stem of the single blossom that would bloom before the leaf unfurled. I thought of the picture I had taken of a few of the magical star-like blossoms that were already in bloom in my east garden, surprising the fat bumble bee who was pollinating the white flowers. I say magical because bloodroot is believed to be a very ancient plant with mysterious poisonous properties. Indigenous peoples used the dark red sap found in the stems and roots of this plant to make red orange and yellow dye.

One of the amazing things I had learned from this particular wildflower garden is that the plants the deer and other wild animals trod upon year after year while passing through eventually "choose" to situate themselves in places where the animals didn't have regular pathways! So in recent years after the plants moved themselves to safer territory most of my woodland flowers remained intact, except for the lady slippers. Meandering deer bite their heads off year after year. I couldn't help laughing. Animals could be unpredictable but were also quite amusing to have

as neighbors.

When I rounded the house I noted the first dandelion blooming in a crack between my granite steps. I am the only person I know that brings dandelion seeds home to scatter around my property. Bees love them and I make a tincture out of their roots leaves and stems to support my immune and digestive system. I also discovered two blooming white violets in the same crevice. Most of the purple woodland and white violet leaves were barely visible, and my favorites, the tiny white marsh violets, were still slumbering. I groaned inwardly recalling how many violets I planted over the years to get them to naturalize. Now they greeted me in the field, the brook, the woods, the around the house, and in all of my gardens.

When I walked down to the brook I checked on the progress of the wake robin or purple trillium that was starting to bloom. The marsh marigolds had clumps of yellow buds. How much I loved the sun drenched marsh marigolds... as a child I vividly remember my mother, my little brother and I searching for these plants each spring in the woodland marshes. I noted that the fragrant trailing arbutus had rows of unopened flowers. I recalled lying on the ground at my grandparents' house so that I could smell the sweet white and pink flowers that were hidden on the underside of the hairy stems of the trailing arbutus. Because trailing arbutus has a reciprocal relationship with a fungus it is very hard to transplant, and it is protected in many states. Even at 70 I will be dropping to the ground to smell the fragrant flowers when they bloom around Mother's Day. There is something about bowing to Nature's wildflowers that moves me deeply... Right Relationship is All, some wise person once said.

Long before I knew anything about pre-Christian traditions my little brother and I would gather the first May flowers and create beautiful bouquets for our mother and grandmother on May Day.

At school we danced around a maypole festooned with ribbons - each child took hold of a ribbon, girls weaving in one direction and the boys weaving in the opposite until we met at the bottom of the maypole that was now completely covered with fabric. I loved these simple rituals of flower gathering and dancing around a maypole as a child not understanding that I was participating in ancient pre-Christian traditions.

The practice of decorating a tree or a maypole with ribbons and flowers and then dancing around the structure used to occur all over Europe on May day.

The original intention behind this ritual was to honor the tree spirits and bring tree blessings into each home as well as to celebrate the coming of spring. Either the tree or the maypole can also be understood as a symbol for the World Tree.

Until modern times virtually every culture had some kind of ritual around trees and the greening of spring.

I often wonder if my mother who was a visual artist had access to some of these ancient traditions on an unconscious level because she seemed to pass something of this "knowing" onto her daughter especially through her love of trees and wild woodland flowers. I remember how disappointed I was at 40 that she dismissed my excitement over discovering the winter solstice as an ancient tradition when she was the one that I followed into the woods as a child to tip and collect greens for our Christmas wreaths. I think in her own way she participated in the Great Round just as I am doing today.

Birds and Blooms

Mahoosuc Land Trust invites all in the area to a walk to fulfill our hopes for Spring: Birds and Blooms on Buck's Ledge. Emily Ecker and Lynne Zimmerman will team up to help us spy and hear the beauties of the season. The walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28.

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